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RAHEEM DRUG & CRASH RAP

EXCLUSIVE
by RICHARD MORIARTY

EX-Prem star Raheem Sterling has been charged with dangerous driving and laughing gas possession after a Lamborghini crash in Hants in May.

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LEGEND PARTON DIES AGED 80

We will always love you, Dolly

Superstar . . . music great Dolly

By SCARLET HOWES, US Editor

MILLIONS of music fans were in mourning worldwide last night after country legend Dolly Parton died at the age of 80.

The US superstar, who wrote chart-toppers 9 to 5, Jolene and I Will Always Love You, passed away peacefully in Nashville.

President Donald Trump vowed to lower the US flag across the nation for a week of mourning.

He called Dolly's death "a true loss for millions" and said of her: "The world loves you."

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WORLD MOURNS A COUNTRY ICON

HOSPITALITY ON ITS KNEES

Minister deals blow to pub trade

Says a tax cut is 'too expensive'

VAT'S YOUR LOT

HOPES of cutting VAT for pubs, backed by Andy Burnham before he became PM, were slapped down by a Treasury minister yesterday.

James Murray said halving the hospitality rate from 20 per cent to 10 will cost "a lot of money".

Mr Burnham had signalled his support when he said the industry needed more help and the likes of TV chef Tom Kerridge threw their weight behind his stance.

But Mr Murray, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, told The Sun: "We want to support hospitality, but let's be upfront about this.

"If you're having a big cut in VAT, it costs a lot of money. And anything that we announce, we want to make sure it's fully funded, and we explain exactly how we're going to do it.

"So last month when the Prime Minister announced 20 per cent cut off business rates from next April, we said exactly how we were going to pay for that."

Mr Murray insisted he would "not get ahead" of October's Budget, but added: "We need to keep looking at how we can support high streets and particularly pubs because they're so important to everyone."

The Treasury is reviewing the way pubs and hotels are valued for business rates after sharp increases at the 2026 revaluation.

UKHospitality boss Kate Nicholls said that "as the Prime Minister acknowledged earlier this year, cutting VAT is the fastest way" to help.

EXCLUSIVE by GEORGIA BARNETT

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New faces . . Badenoch

Kemi set to shuffle top team

By TOM SCOTSON

TORY leader Kemi Badenoch is expected to make changes to her top team after the summer break.

She is said to be preparing a reshuffle ahead of the Conservative conference in October.

Energy's Claire Coutinho is expected to step away from the front bench before maternity leave. Shadow Solicitor General Helen Grant has asked to stand down.

Julia Lopez could also be moved after PM Andy Burnham scrapped the Science, Innovation and Technology department covered by her brief.

Restless MPs from the 2024 intake are said to be pushing for promotion.

A Tory source said: "A lot of the new intake want jobs because they think the shadow cabinet are lazy and they have to pick up the slack."

Reform's firm plea to mums

By MARTINA BET

PARENTS could slash their tax bills by backing firms their children start up, under Reform plans to boost small businesses.

Mums, dads and grandparents would get 50 per cent tax relief on investments of up to £250,000.

Nigel Farage's party would also pledge to rip up "ridiculous EU privacy laws" and simplify GDPR data protection rules.

Reform UK Treasury spokesman Robert Jenrick – due to unveil the small business "rescue package" today – said: "For decades governments have focused on big corporations while leaving small businesses to fall by the wayside. No more."

KYIV PLIGHT SHOW

By ODHRAN GALLAGHER

THE Eiffel Tower is lit up in blue and yellow in support of Ukraine's 35th Independence Day.

Flag-waving Ukrainians, miles from home, gathered beneath the Paris landmark on Monday night.

Meanwhile, Britain faces an imminent attack from Russia over support for Ukraine, the Prime Minister has been warned.

Security experts have briefed Andy Burnham that Vladimir Putin, *right*, is preparing to target the UK in a "direct response" for backing Kyiv as it continues to resist his invasion.

Eiffel power . . . Ukrainians at Paris landmark

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Maxwell bid fails

GHISLAINE Maxwell has failed to overturn her conviction for helping millionaire paedophile pal Jeffrey Epstein sexually abuse teenage girls.

A judge described her claims as "without merit", adding that almost all were "frivolous".

The 60-year-old former socialite represented herself in a New York court.

She was jailed for 20 years in 2022 after being convicted of trafficking girls to Epstein in the 1990s and 2000s.

He died in a prison cell in August 2019, aged 66.

ENERGY CAP 'UP'

HOUSEHOLDS face higher energy bills this winter – with prices set to hit a three-year high.

Ofgem is expected to hike the price cap four per cent today, pushing typical annual bills from £1,663 to £1,729.

The probable £66 rise, due to soaring wholesale prices, will kick in from October just as millions of families start turning the heating back on. It will wipe out the £45 saving from Andy Burnham's decision to axe VAT on electricity bills.

Energy Secretary Miatta Fahnbulleh admitted households need more help and said ministers are looking at "a range of support".

STORM CHAOS TRAVEL FEARS

INTENSE thunderstorms and heavy rain could cause travel disruption this week, forecasters have warned.

The Met Office has issued a yellow weather alert for many regions of England and Wales.

Lightning, hail and strong winds are also predicted today.

20MPH IN BRUM

BIRMINGHAM is pushing ahead with plans to become England's first 20mph city.

Councillors plan to implement the limit across all routes classified below A-roads.

The Liberal Democrat, Green and independent-led authority said it wanted to ensure that cars "no longer dominate street life" and that "people are put first".

Birmingham was dubbed Britain's motor city in the mid-20th century as it became a hub for car makers and road designs.

Reform UK's Jex Parkin, the leader of the council's opposition, blasted the new policy as "anti-motorist".

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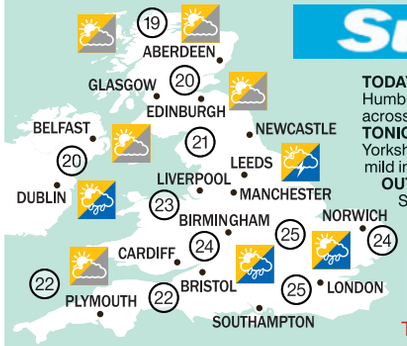

TODAY: Cloudy with scattered rain in Yorkshire and the Humber. Mostly dry in other regions, with light winds across England.

TONIGHT: Cloudy across England with rain in Yorkshire. Light winds prevail. Mostly dry in the East, mild in the South.

OUTLOOK: Thursday brings thunderstorms to the South, clearing to mostly cloudy skies. Friday sees rain spreading across the North, with sunny intervals later.

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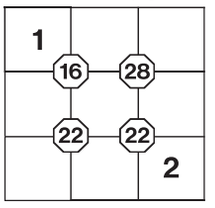

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

ACTORS **MELISSA McCARTHY, 56**, *left*, **ALISON STEADMAN, 80**, *right*, **MACAULAY CULKIN, 46**, and **CHRIS PINE, 46**, Garbage singer **SHIRLEY MANSON, 60**, and Tory politician **MICHAEL GOVE, 59.**

●Tuesday's EuroMillions: 8, 16, 30, 47, 48. Lucky Stars: 4, 9. Health Lottery: 9, 31, 40, 41, 46. Bonus ball: 10.

SWEENEY JOINS FLYING SQUAD

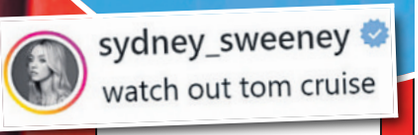
Walking on air . . . thrill-seeking Sydney on biplane

Syd's Ethan stunt

WINGWALK, THEN TOM MOVIE QUIP

Adrenaline junkie . . . Sydney loves doing own stunts

Loopy . . going upside down. Below, message for Tom



By HOWELL DAVIES

DAREDEVIL actress Sydney Sweeney takes her stunts to new heights — as she pulls off a wingwalk to rival Tom Cruise's in Mission: Impossible.

The glamorous star, 28, shared a video of her strapped on to the top wing of a biplane as it performed several loops.

Alongside the clip, liked more than 470,000 times on Instagram, The Housemaid actress wrote: "Watch out Tom Cruise."

Hollywood star Tom, 64, performed a similar feat as Ethan Hunt in the 2025 thriller Mission: Impossible – The Final Reckoning.

In another post, self-confessed thrill-seeker Sydney added: "Decided to strap myself to a plane and go upside down."

This year, she has climbed the Sydney Harbour Bridge and done a tandem bungee jump off a cliff in New Zealand with her music mogul boyfriend Scooter Braun, 45.

Last month she completed filming on Netflix's military, sci-fi action film Gundam, which is expected to include more daring physical acts.

Speaking in 2024, the Euphoria star said: "I wanna do all my stunts like Tom Cruise, I wanna do all of it, a thousand per cent. I am such an adrenaline junkie."

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Stuntman . . Cruise in movie

"Living in the Cotswolds doesn't come cheap. They're going to have to sell a lot of Meghan's "As Ever" jams to cover the costs"

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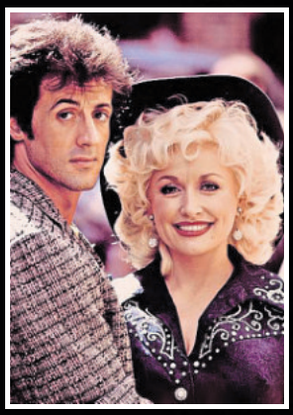
DOLLY PARTON 1946-2026

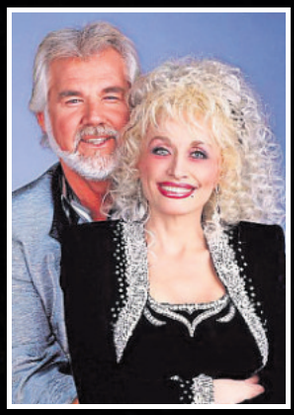
RAGS-TO-RICHES

Inspiration . . . singer Miley Cyrus hugs her godmother Dolly

Loving bond . . . with husband Carl Dean, who died last year



With Stallone . . . in Rhinestone



Music legends . . Kenny & Dolly

'I still have so many things to achieve'

— DOLLY LAST FRIDAY

By **SCARLET HOWES,** US Editor

COUNTRY music icon Dolly Parton died yesterday aged 80 — just days after saying she "still had so many things to achieve".

The singer passed away peacefully in Nashville, in her home state of Tennessee.

Dolly was admitted to a hospital there last Friday suffering from kidney and autoimmune problems.

Her death was announced on social media. Her emotional nephew Bryan Seaver said the superstar was in the "arms of Jesus".

Last night US President Donald Trump announced a week of mourning for the singer and songwriter who penned chart-toppers including 9 to 5 and Jolene.

Concerns for the health of Dolly – who played Glastonbury in 2014 and was godmother to Miley Cyrus – rose last year after she cancelled a Las Vegas residency.

She told fans: "I ain't dead yet" – and in May insisted she had responded well to treatment after her immune and digestive systems "got all out of whack".

Charity champion Dolly shared an update on her health only last Friday, acknowledging her recent decline after the death of her husband Carl Dean aged 82 last year.

She said: "I am dealing with some health issues that I just didn't pay attention to when I was watching over Carl. You know, this isn't the first time I've had to manage something like this.

"Back in the early '80s, I was down for several months with female issues, and I was struggling with my weight at the time too, so it's not like I haven't been through hard times with my health."

She added: "I still have so many things I want to achieve – so I'm gonna keep on working as long as I can to see everything come to life."

Due to dehydration, she had to cancel an appearance at her award-winning Dollywood amusement park, which opened in 1986 and became an immediate success.

Dolly – who had a 1983 No1 with Kenny Rogers with Islands in the Stream, written by the Bee Gees – made her last appearance in June.

Last night tributes flooded in from stars including Sir Elton John, who wrote: "Shocked and devastated to hear of Dolly's passing.

"A giant of an artist – unique and irreplaceable, with the kindest heart."

Sir Paul McCartney said on Instagram: "She was such a wonderful woman – it is hard to imagine living in a world without Dolly."

He recalled meeting her at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, as she was starting her solo career. He added: "She was so bubbly and full of life it is difficult to take in the news that she has passed.

"Her songwriting, her singing and her philanthropy were unrivalled in the world of country music."

Sir Paul said there was "no greater honour" than when she sang Let It Be on her 2023 album Rockstar, and went on: "Even though I only made a small contribution to it, I am so honoured that she did it."

American Pie singer Don McLean said: "The death of Dolly Parton is as big as Elvis. This rocks the country and the world in the same way and we won't get over this for a long time."

Sir Tom Jones said: "Losing Dolly leaves a great emptiness. She had an angelic but powerful voice with vast influence on generations to come. A wonderful and generous person with an amazing story."

Sir Mick Jagger wrote: "What a wonderful songwriter and singer. She brought so many people together, we'll miss her so much."

Kelly Osbourne said: "There will never be another Dolly Parton.

"Thank you for the music, the laughter, the love, and for leaving this world brighter, kinder, and better than you found it."

Last night, New York's Empire State Building tower lights turned to a pink sparkle to honour Dolly.

President Trump wrote: "This is a true loss for millions of people.

"There has never been anyone like her, and never will.

"In her honour, I am lowering the American flag throughout the United States for a one-week period beginning tonight. Rest in Peace, Dolly! The world loves you."

Former president Bill Clinton said: "Dolly Parton was one of a kind – a great songwriter and performer who told the stories of everyday Americans with honesty, humility, and heart. She rose high from her roots and never forgot where she came from. And she always believed in giving back."

Dolly was born in Pittman Center, Tennessee, in 1946.

She rose from an impoverished childhood, sharing a one-room mountain cabin with 11 brothers and sisters, to enjoying decades of global superstardom with hit songs, movies, and eye-popping costumes.

At age six, she began playing her first guitar and singing in her grandad's church. She started writ-

STAR INSPIRED MILLIONS

Movie star . . . Dolly with Jane Fonda and Lily Tomlin in 1980's comedy 9 to 5

Country idol . . . Dolly on stage at Glastonbury in 2014

Farewell to an icon . . message announcing her death last night

ing songs a year later. After her high school graduation, she moved to Nashville in 1964, playing in clubs and writing songs for other artists. In 1966 Dolly married Carl, an asphalt contractor who shunned the limelight. They had met two years earlier, at a laundromat in Nashville, when Dolly was 18.

Her debut album was 1967's Hello, I'm Dolly. In 1971, she had her first country No1 with Joshua.

In 1973, she released Jolene, which was a country No 1 and also charted on Billboard's Hot 100.

Dolly wrote I Will Always Love You as a goodbye to her mentor and business partner, Porter Wagoner. The song topped the country chart twice, but it became a mega-hit when Whitney Houston recorded it for the 1992 film The Bodyguard.

Dolly's movie career began in 1980 when she starred in 9 to 5 with Lily Tomlin and Jane Fonda.

Her theme song for the movie became her first No1 single on the Hot 100.

The three co-stars became life-long friends, and Fonda said yesterday: "I know millions are mourning and I want to say this – more than anyone I have ever known, Dolly will always be with us because she was so present, so powerful, so generous and playful that she is woven into all our lives and hearts forever. She was many things – lyricist, songstress, player of many instruments, writer, prankster, visionary, loyal friend, who'd never go to bed before she and her friends had laughed so hard they'd have to cross their legs."

In 1984 Dolly starred with Sly Stallone in musical romcom Rhinestone. Her triumphant Glasto performance 30 years later in the Sunday legends slot drew one of the festival's biggest ever crowds.

Glastonbury organiser Emily Eavis wrote last night: "Oh Dolly, what an untouchable legend. From the moment she arrived, she was an absolute delight, just so lovely.

"There was a vast crowd in the field for her slot, the sun shone, and when she walked out on to the Pyramid stage she reigned supreme.

"It was just magic. Thank you for it all, Dolly."

Dolly won countless music awards – and an honorary Oscar.

She dedicated much of her life and fortune to philanthropy.

She founded the Dollywood Foundation – inspired by her father, who could not read or write – and set up the global literacy programme, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. Starting in 1995 in Sevier County, Tennessee, it sends one free book every month to registered children from birth to age five. It has donated more than 250million books worldwide, including in the US, Canada, the UK and Ireland.

Author JK Rowling said: "Dolly Parton's Imagination Library was the best contribution to child literacy ever made by a celebrity."

Dolly had no children but is survived by six of her siblings. The family asked fans to honour her by supporting the charitable legacy.

DOLLY WAS QUEEN OF COUNTRY MUSIC...AND ITS HEART: PAGES 26 & 27

5 MORE HELD ON CRASH

THE JOYR

Dead teen's relative in prison for 100mph wrong-way police chase on EXACT same road

Police pic . . of Aaron Saddington

EXCLUSIVE by PAUL SIMS

AN UNCLE of one of the A66 crash gang was jailed for driving on the wrong side of the same road during a 100mph police chase.

Aaron Saddington, 23, was locked up for 20 months in June after trying to shake off cops by speeding at oncoming traffic on the dual carriageway.

He was caged after pleading guilty to dangerous driving, driving while disqualified and without insurance, according to court documents obtained by The Sun.

The terrifying incident was almost identical to the head-on crash that left his nephew, Makai Saddington, 18, and six others dead on Saturday. Makai and pals – Michael Cahill, 23, Theo Rae, 17, Jakub Matusiak, 23, and 17-year-old Cole Worthy – died fleeing cops.

Police halted the pursuit after the gang, in a VW Passat, raced onto the A66. Ten seconds later the car ploughed into an armed response unit. Two firearms officers – married dad-of-two PC Matthew Blades, 37, and Iraq war hero PC Tom Clough, 38 – died instantly.

Yesterday police made five new arrests as part of a "fast-moving and complex" probe into serious and organised crime gangs linked to the fatal crash.

The five men, aged 16 to 55, were held a day after nine men and three women were arrested.

Two of those arrested, aged 19 and 26, have since appeared in court charged with possession of a firearm, drug dealing and possession of stolen property. A third has been recalled to prison.

National Crime Agency officers have joined the investigation.

They believe the Passat gang were out for revenge after the home belonging to Worthy's dad was rammed twice by a Volvo XC60 at 3am on Saturday. There is no suggestion Worthy's dad, Gye, 39, was involved in criminal activity.

But police believe it may have provided the flashpoint for events leading to the 3.39am crash.

A neighbour in Middlesbrough said: "The huge bang woke everyone up and it was followed by a second. Whatever happened was quick because, by the time my husband looked out of the window, the car was gone, but there was very bad damage to the house."

It was just three months ago that Aaron Saddington led police on a chase along the same A66 stretch.

Teesside crown court was told it was lucky no one died after he sped away from cops on May 6 following reports of erratic driving.

An unmarked police car spotted him and gave chase before being joined by two marked patrol vehicles. Saddington ran a red light at more than 50mph before joining the A66 eastbound in the wrong direction at 1am, the court was told.

Cops radioed for back-up and followed Saddington from the correct side of the carriageway as his car topped speeds of 100mph.

A number of police cars were involved in the pursuit in a bid to prevent a mass casualty crash, prosecutors said. Saddington was eventually stopped and made a run for it but was arrested.

His violent nephew Makai was also no stranger to court. He had appeared in the dock for drug offences, possession of a knife, assaulting police, and racially aggravated harassment.

Footage on TikTok also showed Makai driving an Audi across a field during a separate police chase in March.

Makai's masked pals are expected to gather tonight for a tasteless balloon release on the estate he terrorised. Graffiti on walls and fences read "Rest easy boys. Never forgoten (sic)" and "RIP the boys".

PM Andy Burnham has ordered social media platforms to remove videos glorifying dangerous driving.

Feral youths desperate for "likes" on social media have baited cops into high-speed chases. The Police

Married dad . . PC Blades

War hero . . PC Clough

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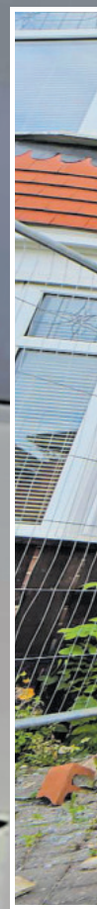
Nephew Makai Saddington, 18



UNCLE

Aaron Saddington drove wrong way to flee cops in May

THAT KILLED TWO COPS

IDE UNCLE

DAD HOME RAMMED TWICE BY VOLVO

Ram raid at Gye Worthy's home linked to crash that killed his son

Federation's Paul Williams said: "Every day we can identify numerous examples of young people sensationalising dangerous driving.

"Officers shouldn't have to be worrying about whether they're going to return home from their shift or not. But on top of that, wondering if they're going to be plastered all over social media."

Under the Online Safety Act, videos that show illegal activity are not automatically ruled out as illegal. Instead, it is left to social network bosses to decide whether the material breaks the law.

There are now calls for the Act, which became law in October 2023, to be toughened up.

TikTok has removed the accounts belonging to Matusiak and Cahill.

Matusiak's featured videos of him driving recklessly in cars and on motorbikes.

A GoFundMe for the two officers' families was nearing £1million last night. Their inquests are due to be opened and adjourned tomorrow.

Tributes to tragic cops . . . flowers outside Cleveland Police Central HQ

Row . . . Ms Turley

Anger at minister's tribute to car gang

By MARTINA BET

A HOME Office minister was criticised for paying tribute to the gang who died in the crash that killed two police officers.

Anna Turley said in a Facebook post she had laid flowers to remember "the seven people whose lives were so tragically cut short".

The five occupants of a Passat ploughed into PCs Matthew Blades and Tom Clough's police car.

Shadow Justice Secretary Nick Timothy wrote on X: "It doesn't feel right for a Home Office minister to put two police officers on a par with the thugs who killed them."

Ms Turley replied that she was "utterly appalled" by the accusation and insisted her tribute made no "moral equivalence, or judgments about worth".

She claimed Cleveland Police had "specifically requested" she pay tribute to all those who died.

Cop flee teen dies

A TEENAGER has died and a woman is fighting for her life following a crash after a police chase.

Cops tried to pull over a black Audi A3 near Stratford-upon-Avon, Warks, at 5.23pm on Monday.

The driver, a male aged 19, failed to stop and was chased along the A439, before hitting a Ford Puma 20 minutes later.

The teenager died at the scene. A woman in her 70s driving the Puma had life-threatening injuries.

She and her female passenger, who was seriously hurt, and a fourth injured person were taken to hospital.

Warwickshire Police has referred itself to the Independent Office for Police Conduct, as is standard.

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STAR COULD FACE 2 YEARS JAIL

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●EX-ENGLAND ACE IN 9am PRANG
●PULLED OVER IN LAMBO ON M3
STERLING ARREST AFTER 'DRUG CRASH'

Shock . . . Sun exclusive in May

THIS IS NO LAUGHING MATTER

EXCLUSIVE
by RICHARD MORIARTY

FORMER Premier League ace Raheem Sterling could get two years' jail if convicted of dangerous driving after his £270,000 Lamborghini M-way crash.

The ex-England winger, 31, has also been charged with possessing laughing gas and failing to provide a specimen following his arrest in May.

Motorists dialled 999 after seeing a black luxury 4x4 swerving across the M3 in Hampshire just before 9am.

The former Liverpool, Man City and Chelsea winger was arrested close to an interchange near Farnborough. Sterling, who is currently without a club, had been due to answer bail on Friday.

He will now appear before magistrates in Basingstoke on September 15, police revealed yesterday.

A Hampshire & Isle of Wight Constabulary spokesman said: "A driver will appear in court next month to face charges following a collision on the M3.

"Raheem Sterling, 31, from Berkshire, has been charged for the following offences: dangerous driving, possession of nitrous oxide for wrongful inhalation, failing to provide a specimen.

"The charges come following a single vehicle collision, involving a Lamborghini, on the M3 southbound, close to the Minley Interchange, on 28 May, 2026.

"No other vehicles were involved and no injuries were reported.

"Mr Sterling is due to appear at Basingstoke magistrates court on 15 September."

Nitrous oxide, also known as laughing gas and hippy crack, was made illegal when reclassified as a class C controlled substance in November 2023.

Usage is rife among footballers, despite its dangers including risk of heart attacks, stroke and brain damage. It typically comes in supersized canisters used to fill balloons, which are then inhaled repeatedly to give a euphoric, short-lived high.

Sterling was just 15 when he was signed by Liverpool from the QPR academy in 2010.

He became a fans' favourite at Anfield before a contract dispute saw him move to Manchester City in 2015.

There he enjoyed massive success – winning four Premier League titles, five Carabao Cups and an FA Cup.

However, sources close to Sterling told how his mental health suffered following his £50million transfer from Man City to Chelsea in July 2022.

He was eventually ordered to train separately to the first-team group after then-manager Enzo Maresca – now Man City boss – decided he was surplus to requirements.

A loan deal to Arsenal followed, but did not work out, so in February he joined Dutch club Feyenoord, *left*.

That deal ended in the summer and he is now without a club.

Sources also claimed he has been written off and made to feel "worthless" despite gaining 82 England caps.

One said: "He was a prolific international who steered the England squad to significant heights over the last decade and has been made to feel worthless.

"The psychological strain that has put on him is immeasurable.

"He feels isolated. The second he touches a ball, he's told he's a flop and he's finished. He's been mocked and heckled. He moved to the Netherlands to escape and rediscover his love for the game, but the negativity followed. It's been extremely tough."

Since the M3 incident, Sterling has kept a low profile and has rarely been pictured, apart from social media footage of him playing football with his children.

He is engaged to childhood sweetheart Paige Milian, 30, with whom he has two kids.

He also has a daughter from a previous relationship.

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Police on scene . . . Sterling's Lambo by the M3

After the crash . . . Sterling's £270k Lamborghini pictured next to M3

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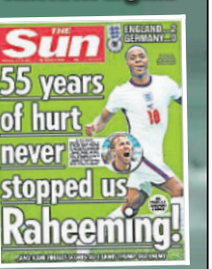
Raheem glory... days after agony
MAGIC BOOTS OF ENGLAND

Stellar . . . Sterling starred for England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55 years of hurt never stopped us Raheeming!

THE Sun SAYS

It's the Taxman

THE next time Andy Burnham gets his guitar out he might as well treat voters to a version of The Beatles classic Taxman.

Because be in no doubt, our Prime Minister is preparing to launch yet another massive Labour cash grab.

Economists reckon the Autumn Budget could swipe another £25billion.

That would be on a par with the pain former Chancellor Rachel Reeves dished out last November which was on **TOP** of her £40billion of tax rises in 2024. The reason for this doom loop?

Keir Starmer ducked **ALL** the tough choices while his successor doesn't seem to have much of a plan either. There are **STILL** no concrete proposals to slash eye-watering welfare payments.

In just a few weeks this summer, Burnham has already spent billions on small-change help for families such as £45 off their energy bills and two quid bus fares. The PM also has big plans to deliver radical change in social care – but no clue how to pay for it.

Chancellor John Healey rightly wants to ramp up defence spending. But there are already billions missing from Starmer and Reeves's Defence Investment Plan which fell way short of what military chiefs were demanding.

Meanwhile, backbench Labour MPs refuse to consider any spending cuts.

It means only one thing: massive tax rises. Unless Burnham finds the courage to stop taxing families and small businesses to the hilt to fund freebies for Benefits Street, nothing will change.

He'll be back for more of your money NEXT year. And the year after, too.

A bitter taste

A CLASSIC example of the consequences of Labour's addiction to tax and spending is the perilous state of our pubs.

When he was trying to get elected as an MP, Andy Burnham raised hopes that he would halve VAT for boozers.

But as with so many pledges that dripped casually off his tongue, the reality inside No10 is very different.

Treasury ministers now bleakly warn such a move would "cost a lot of money."

But what's the cost to our communities when their local pub closes down?

Goodbye Dolly

VERY few people have used their success to help others quite like Dolly Parton.

One of the greatest country stars, it was the way she shared her hard-earned fortune that made her so unique.

More than 150million books have been given to kids thanks to the Dollywood Foundation, inspired by the struggles of her dad who couldn't read or write.

Famed for her blonde wigs and big boobs, Dolly quipped: "It takes a lot of money to look this cheap."

But the truth is that nothing about Dolly was cheap. She was solid gold from 9 to 5 — and in every other hour too.

RAF BASE USED FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS

HOME COMFORTS . . . migrants are provided with a well-equipped gym, three-bed accommodation, and briefing centre with welcome signs

Gym, footie pitch, sports hall, snack bars, free minibuses, tellies...this isn't a migrant facility, it's a holiday camp

BACK IN SERVICE . . . former RAF base

By **PETER HARRIS**
Reform UK leader of Essex County Council

FROM the outside, Wethersfield looks like a secure facility with its fences topped by barbed wire.

But once you walk through the entrance of this former RAF base in Essex it feels more like a holiday camp.

Inside there is a gym, fitness room, table tennis and pool tables, snack bars, lots of televisions and a large sports hall for five-a-side football, basketball and cricket.

Outside, young men sit in the shade under trees beside grass fields and a full-sized football pitch.

Those men are not here on holiday. They are migrants hoping to stay in the United Kingdom for good.

Welcome to Wethersfield Airfield Asylum Accommodation.

A place where the barbed wire is very misleading because these young men, around 800 of them, are free to come and go as they please.

In fact, they are encouraged to get out and about by using 17 free minibuses which transport the asylum seekers to local towns three times a day, seven days a week.

Locals avoid town

The residents of nearby Chelmsford, Braintree and Colchester have told me the arrival of large groups of men all at one time makes them feel uncomfortable.

Some locals avoid going into town or make sure they have their shopping done by 10.30am to avoid the surge.

This is certainly not good for local businesses because these asylum seekers do not have any more than their £9.95 taxpayer-funded allowance a week to spend in those shops. Instead, they hang about, aimlessly.

During my three-hour visit to Wethersfield this week, I did not see more than 150 men up and about in the recently refurbished facility.

The rest were out or still in their rooms, which each sleep three or six people.

There were brand-new beds, everything was clean and the residents were either wearing flip-flops or new trainers. You might think this was more than enough for them, but I was told the main request put in the Wethersfield suggestion box was for a swimming pool to be added.

There were no restrictions on the residents' movements and the occasional security guards were walking around saying, "Good morning" and "Hello".

Everybody was enjoying themselves, either training very hard in the gymnasium or lounging around.

In a scene reminiscent of Dixon Of Dock Green, a policeman who spends three or four hours a day during the week at the camp arrived on his bicycle.

Everyone was on their best behaviour and everything was calm while I was there, although crimes have been reported at the asylum centre in the past.

Most migrants are not criminals but these are unregistered men, who have arrived illegally on small boats over the English Channel or been smuggled inside vehicles.

Residents will not be reassured by the new pamphlets the Home Office intends to hand out to these migrants, telling them that rape is a criminal offence in the UK.

The asylum seekers should know that sexual assaults are wrong.

They also receive medical care, which would be the envy of many locals, with a NHS facility on site.

Sensibly, they are tested for infections such as tuberculosis.

Around 20 per cent of arrivals have latent TB which is not infectious.

I also saw the pods where migrants are interviewed by the Home Office about their asylum claims.

After about 80 days in Wethersfield they get into an Uber taxi, most likely to a House of Multiple Occupation somewhere in the country.

But, at this point, they have not yet received the answer as to whether their asylum process has been accepted or not.

Fewer than half of asylum applications are granted in the UK and my concern is that the ones who are refused the right to stay are not properly tracked and may end up staying here illegally.

PROTEST . . . opposition to migrant centre

Absolute outrage

Consecutive governments have allowed this to happen and it was the Conservatives that opened up this camp three years ago.

High immigration numbers is one of the reasons I joined Reform.

For me, it is wrong that these young men who have illegally broken into the country have this fantastic facility.

At the same time we have people within Essex that would absolutely love to live in accommodation like this.

Clearly, tens of millions of pounds has been spent transforming this RAF base, yet we do not have a facility like that for our veterans who have served our country.

It's an absolute outrage.

Wethersfield is the ideal place for a veterans' village.

Instead, Labour might extend the asylum facility with numbers expected to increase to 1,245. There is even a potential "surge capacity" of 1,700.

We need to stop what is drawing migrants over: The benefits and top-notch accommodation like Wethersfield.

This should not be a holiday camp.

ISLAND MAROON BROOKS

MODEL Brooks Nader swaps the surf for the shops as she embarks on some retail therapy.

The model wowed in a maroon dress for a late-night spree on the Italian island of Capri.

Brooks, 29, has been filming in Malibu for the reboot of '90s lifeguard series Baywatch.

Picture: BACKGRID

Will . . . Dame Maggie

Downton Maggie left £16m

EXCLUSIVE by STEPHEN MOYES

DOWNTON Abbey and Harry Potter star Dame Maggie Smith left a £16million fortune to her two actor sons.

The double Oscar winner, who died aged 89 in 2024, had a net estate valued at £15,977,325.

It will be divided between Chris Larkin and Toby Stephens.

Probate records show she left her home of more than 40 years, Douglas Lake Farm, West Sussex, to a family trust set up in 2019.

Dame Maggie signed the will in 1996, two years before the death of her second hubby, playwright Beverley Cross.

It directs any copyright, royalties and unpublished works she inherited from him be split between his two children and her sons.

Born in Ilford, Essex, in 1934, she won Oscars for 1969's The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie, and 1979's California Suite.

Later roles included Prof McGonagall in the Harry Potter films, and Downton's Violet Crawley.

DANNY BUYER

Danny Dyer's waistcoats from EastEnders are set to sell for £60 each at a Surrey auction on Friday.

ACE'S HOBBY

Jack & the bean stalk

SECRET VEG GROWER

By RICHARD MORIARTY

FOOTIE ace Jack Grealish is singing Come On You Greens after winning a planning fight to change woodland behind his mansion into a garden where he can grow vegetables.

The Man City star had been in a battle to have ten acres of his grounds declared garden land.

Green-fingered Grealish told planners he had grown veg since moving into the £5.6million Cheshire pile he shares with girlfriend Sasha Attwood and daughter Mila Rose in 2023.

He said in a planning application: "The garden spaces are used for exercising our dog and we grow vegetables in the allotment areas."

After months of wrangling the 30-year-old has been given a "positive certificate" to continue using the land as a garden, despite objections that the move could lead to further building projects on it.

England international Grealish is following former Three Lions skipper David Beckham by growing vegetables.

Making its decision, Cheshire East Council says in a report: "The current owner has owned the house since 2022 and has included a declaration of use of the land as garden.

"On the balance of probability it has been demonstrated that the land . . . has been used as residential garden for more than ten years before the date of this application." The parish council had objected — saying if the woodland was classed as garden, it would pave the way for future planning applications. It says a similar 2022 application by the previous owner was denied.

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Here we grow . . . Beckham

FIRST GLIMPSE OF JAMA

Maya TV drama has family feuds, palatial houses, a reluctant Duke .. it'll be just like home, Meghan!

Toff at top . . Theo as Duke Eddie

By ROD McPHEE, TV Editor

NETFLIX has unveiled the first look at The Gentlemen's new series — giving a glimpse of the sex, drugs and violence Meghan will have to embrace if she signs for the show.

The TV comedy drama, which starts streaming next week, features Love Island host Maya Jama stealing the limelight with a more aristocratic look than viewers of her ITV dating show are used to.

She is seen hunting in full tweed and flat cap – and also dressed in designer gear as she rubs shoulders with toffs including lead character Eddie Horniman, the Duke of Halstead, played by Theo James.

The hunky actor, a favourite to become the new James Bond, is seen stripping off on several occasions in the trailer for the Guy Ritchie-directed drama.

A TV insider said: "If Meghan didn't fully understand just how edgy a drama The Gentlemen is, she need only look at the images from the new season to see what's in store.

"While it's packed with glamour, millionaires and comedy, there's also blood, guts and some seriously steamy scenes too.

"Once The Gentlemen is released, Meghan's team will no doubt be analysing how season two concludes, to get a sense of where season three would go, and what potential role Meghan could have."

Eddie, an ex-military man, was reluctant to live life as an aristocrat in series one. And when his dad left him the estate instead of his indulgent, gambler brother Freddie (Daniel Ings), he had to prop up the huge costs by doing business with gangsters and growing cannabis on the estate.

The trailer for the second series sees the duke clashing with his partners in crime, the Glass family, headed by father and daughter duo Bobby and Susie, played by Ray Winstone and Kaya Scodelario.

At the end of the debut season, which screened in 2024, they were seen forging a comfortable alliance which allowed Eddie to maintain the family estate.

But in season two, he starts to get ambitious, wanting to buy back vast swathes which had previously been lost during harder times.

With millions in the bank due to selling drugs, he will do anything to get it – even risking the wrath of the Glass mobsters.

The duke is seen in a nail-biting screaming match with Bobby Glass, warning him: "Don't you f***ing talk to me like that." He is also seen pursuing ambitions to affirm his position in society – apparently entering the House of Lords wearing official robes.

Viewers even see him hobnobbing with a politician – played by Downton

Ritchie . . and show, left

'Eyeing role' . . . Meghan, with Prince Harry

TRAILER FOR SEASON 2 OUT

SEASON 3 TO FILM NEAR KING

& CO IN THE GENTLEMEN

TWOSOME IN TWEED

Kaya Scodelario, as Susie Glass, and Maya Jama, also left

Pictures: NETFLIX

POWER PLAYS

Hugh Bonneville with Theo. Far right, Giancarlo

HARDMEN

Vinnie Jones and Ray Winstone, right

Abbey star Hugh Bonneville – as well as with billionaire Stanley Johnston (Giancarlo Esposito). It is not clear what role Maya plays in the new storyline, as Netflix has kept her details under wraps.

But it is understood the streaming giant was impressed and wants her back for the third season.

It was revealed last week that provisional discussions were under way between Duchess of Sussex Meghan's team and execs behind The Gentlemen for a show role, though Netflix had not commented.

It is part of a return to the UK for Prince Harry and his wife, who is said to be considering a variety of projects. They both quit the UK after stepping back from royal duties in 2020.

Guy Ritchie is known for getting celebrity pals into his TV shows and movies, including ex-footie star hardman-turned actor Vinnie Jones.

The new season also sees boxer Chris Eubank Jr appear.

Season three is expected to start filming at the Badminton Estate – which backs on to the King's Highgrove Estate in Gloucestershire – later this year, and is set to be released on Netflix in 2027.

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Part . . . Chris Eubank Jr

NETFLIX'S FLEX

By ROD McPHEE

NETFLIX's revenue in the UK in 2025 has overtaken ITV's for the first time.

The figure of £2.05billion also eclipses that of other big British broadcasters including Channels 4 and 5, though it is impossible to make a similar comparison with the licence fee-funded BBC.

Netflix's UK revenue was up 11.3 per cent from £1.85billion.

Meanwhile, ITV's media and entertainment side made £1.9billion in revenue in 2025. It is currently in the process of being bought out by Sky.

However, when put together with its commercial arm, ITV Studios, its 2025 revenues reached £4.12billion.

Hit shows that have helped to swell Netflix's coffers include Baby Reindeer, Adolescence, Stranger Things, Wednesday and Squid Game.

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Of all the questions about H&M's return, biggest is: **How** are they paying for it?

AS grand entrances go – or should I say re-entrances – it takes some beating.

Six years after dramatically exiting the UK in a fit of pique at how awful they perceived it to be, the Sussexes have announced they are once again to grace us with their presence.

For what duration, we don't know. Long enough to enrol the kids in school from September, but maybe not permanent as it seems they're retaining their mega-mansion in Montecito so the chickens still have somewhere to live.

There are myriad queries surrounding this curious volte-face from Harry's comment last year that: "I can't see a world in which I would bring my wife and children back to the UK at this point."

But the biggest question of all is: *How the hell are they paying for all this?*

There's the aforementioned 16-bedroom home in LA with its "tennis court, pool, gym, sauna, five-car garage, and rose garden". Then there's the "holiday home" on an exclusive golf and ocean complex on Portugal's west coast which cost a reported £6.3million.

And, with the offer of a grace and favour royal property presumably unforthcoming, it seems they'll be renting or buying somewhere in the UK – with celebrity enclave the Cotswolds emerging as the favourite bet.

So let's do "the math", as the Americans say.

The running costs of the Montecito home are reportedly £1.5million a year when you factor in energy bills, domestic staff, gardeners, maintenance etc. And one imagines that the place in Portugal won't be of the "lock up and leave" variety, so there'll probably be a live-in couple paid to guard and maintain it in the Sussexes' absence.

Then there's the cost of breathing the same hallowed air of others residing on the "ultra-exclusive" gated complex – an upfront joining fee of approximately £150,000 and annual service fees of around £30,000.

Which brings us to the Cotswolds, home to the Beckhams, Ellen DeGeneres, Kate Moss, Amanda Holden, Ellie Goulding, Calvin Harris etc, not to mention Princess Anne and the King and Queen.

Assuming that Archie and Lilibet will attend a private school, that will cost around £60,000 a year as day pupils, rising to £100,000 if they were ever to board.

Meanwhile, one imagines that Meghan will gravitate towards the curated luxury lifestyle offered by places such as the members-only Soho Farmhouse (overseen by her chum Markus Anderson) and the posh farm shop-cum-health club Daylesford.

Neither come cheap. So, unless one of their many homes has a magic money tree in the garden, they're going to have to sell a lot of Meghan's "As Ever" jams to cover the costs.

When Princess Diana died in 1997, she left William and Harry approximately £6.5million each, which was invested on their behalf by the Royal Family's financial advisers.

By the time Harry received the full sum on his 30th birthday, it had grown to around £10million. Which, to the average Joe, is a small fortune.

But when you're paying for all of the above, have no discernible regular income, and a taste for the high life, you'd burn through it pretty quickly.

And I haven't even factored in the cost of their round-the-clock security and Harry's fondness for expensive legal actions.

He and others lost their recent "invasion of privacy" case against Associated newspapers and have been ordered by the judge to pay a *preliminary* £9.54million in costs to the publishers of the Daily Mail by this Friday.

However wealthy you are, it's serious money that requires oligarch levels of funding.

Even *if* Meghan's rumoured role in the next series of Netflix's The Gentleman comes off, the fee would barely cover the cost of the couple's annual flower bill.

So where's the money coming from? It's as big a mystery as their reason for returning here so suddenly.

HIGH LIFE . . . Sussexes

Joy to see Emily beaming on her big day

RIVALS star Emily Atack has spoken openly in the past about her history of anxiety and depression.

It was exacerbated by an onslaught of online abuse that included sexual harassment and threats to her life.

So how wonderful to see her radiating joy as she got hitched at the weekend. Held in the garden of the Bedfordshire home she shares with new husband Alistair Garner, a scientist, and their young son, Emily described it as a "beautifully chaotic" family wedding.

It seems that she's finally found the happiness she deserves.

Congratulations to them both.

Picture: GEORGE GOTTLIEB/@GeorgeOnABoat

RITUAL . . . newlyweds

SOUL LOT OF LOVE

ANOTHER blushing bride was actress AnnaLynne McCord, former star of US teen show 90210.

Once fearful of marriage, she said in her vows that she now sees it as: "This wildly sacred ritual of bringing my soul home. When I came to Earth, my soul split in two."

She added: "I didn't know the other half had been living in the United Kingdom as a rugby player all this time. This marriage is the return of my whole soul. We get to walk each other home."

Yes folks, she's talking about "ladies man" Danny Cipriani who "told me he loved me since the day he met me" (uh-oh) and who left his UK-based previous wife Victoria Rose "without explanation or notice" in January 2024 to start a new life in the US.

But, hey, love is a strange thing and all that, so congratulations to them too. Let's hope "my soul" doesn't rapidly morph into an "our soul".

THE Tories are vowing to save the "summer job" for youngsters.

"A generation of young people risks being locked out of work because of unnecessary red tape, higher taxes and economic uncertainty," says the party's business spokesman Andrew Griffith.

Back in the 70s, my summer jobs included filing paperwork in the divorce section at the local county court (very illuminating) and working at a fishing tackle shop handling live maggots. No wonder I became a journalist.

BIN THE BEAUTY

THE long, hot summer means residents of London's posh Notting Hill are plagued by influencers posing outside their beautifully maintained houses.

They're blocking doorways and some are jumping over walls for a better shot "for the 'gram".

"This year seems to be the busiest so far," said one resident. Another described the influencers as a "pain in the neck".

Try a couple of overflowing bins in the front garden and replace the pretty shutters with a scruffy blanket taped across the glass. They'll decamp elsewhere before you can say "clickbait".

SPORTY . . . Charlotte

TAKES SOME BALLS

PRINCESS CHARLOTTE is reportedly playing netball at a high level.

As the ball is thrown rather than kicked, it's a popular misconception that the sport isn't as demanding as football.

But trust me, at county level and above, it's about as hardcore as it gets.

And one of my daughters has the fractured kneecap to show for it.

IN 2007, Romanian Eugeniu Neamtu, 59, was imprisoned for murder in his home country after stabbing his housemate in a row over money.

He was freed in 2023, came to the UK, and has now been found guilty of murdering his London flatmate in "strikingly similar" circumstances.

As the debate over migration continues, at the very *least* can we agree that allowing previously convicted, serious criminals to settle here is madness?

We have enough home-grown thugs to deal with, without importing more.

SHOES BARELY THERE

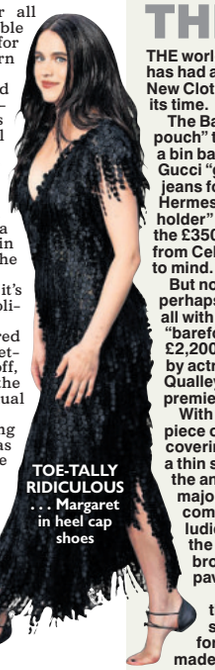
THE world of fashion has had a few Emperor's New Clothes moments in its time.

The Balenciaga "trash pouch" that looked like a bin bag for £1,200, the Gucci "grass-stain" jeans for £500, the Hermes "chewing gum holder" for £800, and the £350 poo bag holder from Celine all spring to mind.

But now Chanel has perhaps trumped them all with its, er, "barefoot sandals" for £2,200, modelled here by actress Margaret Qualley at a film premiere.

With just a small piece of leather covering the heel and a thin strap hugging the ankle, the majority of the foot is completely and ludicrously bare to the elements, broken glass, pavement gum etc.

So whatever this shoe/sandal/boot is for, it sure ain't made for walking.



TOE-TALLY RIDICULOUS . . . Margaret in heel cap shoes

Melon in choc bar

CADBURY has released a watermelon-flavoured Dairy Milk.

The limited edition 180g chocolate bar features the refreshing flavour in a hot-pink fondant centre.

One fan described it as "the most beautiful thing I've ever seen". But another said: "Not sure how I feel about this."

The bar, made in collaboration with make-up brand MCoBeauty, is currently exclusive to Woolworths in Australia where it sells for around £2.10

There has been no news about a UK release – but imported bars are available to order through specialist retailers for £7.99.

51 craters in a road

LOCALS have blasted a council for individually repairing 51 potholes on the same road instead of doing a full resurfacing.

Many of the patchwork repair sites overlap each other and locals fear the fixes will not last long.

Some claim contractors are paid per patch for their work on Aberdeen Avenue in Cambridge.

Ex-councillor Jocelynn Scutt called it a "money-grabbing practice that ought to be stopped" and said: "All could have been done as a major patch."

Cambridgeshire County Council said potholes were repaired as they appeared and that the fixes are cost-effective.

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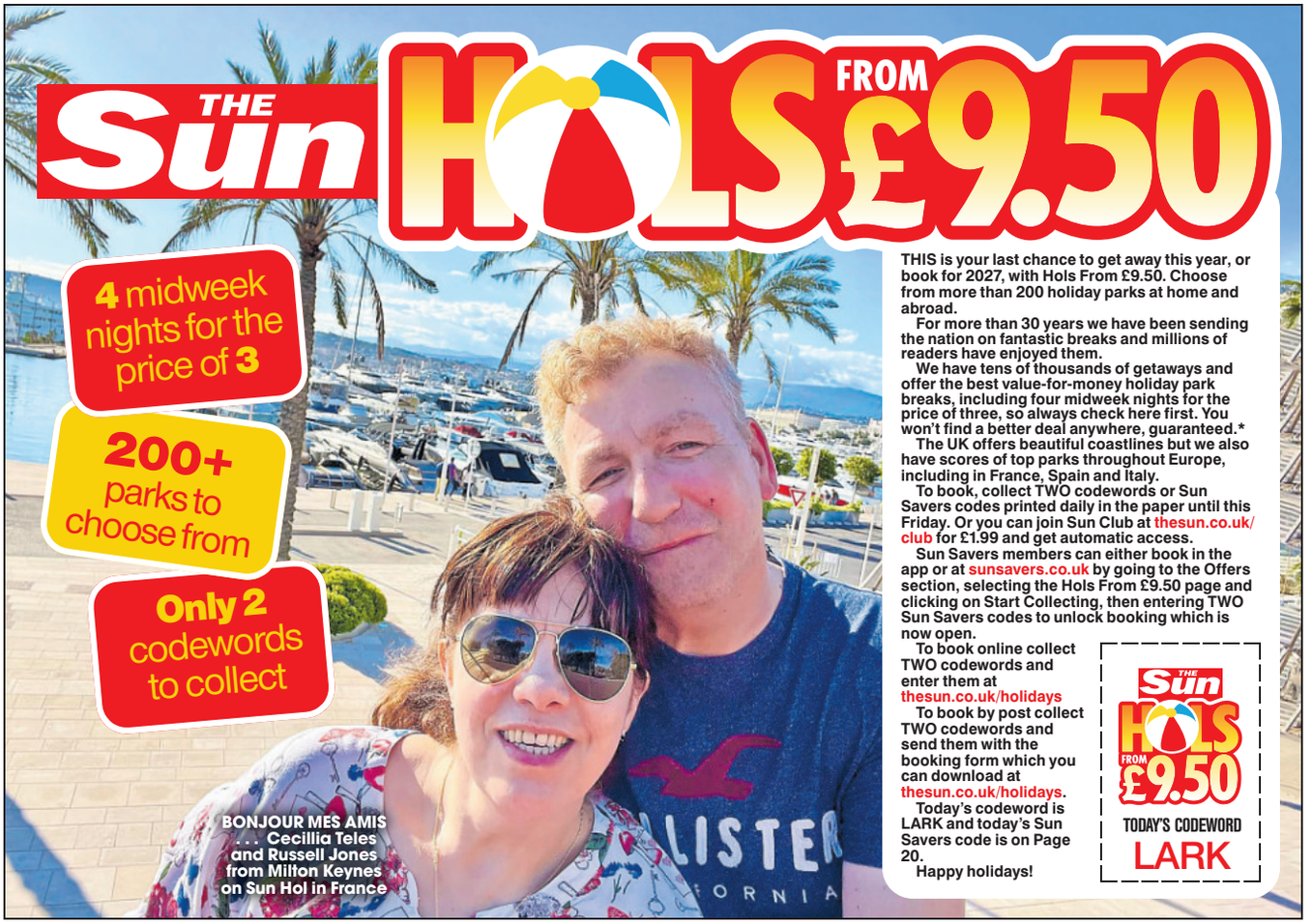

BONJOUR MES AMIS . . . Cecillia Teles and Russell Jones from Milton Keynes on Sun Hol in France

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Avoided jail . . . Gidley

Beauty queen's stiletto in face rap

By RICHARD MORIARTY

A BEAUTY queen attacked a woman with a red stiletto days after the Miss GB finals.

Taylor-Leah Gidley, 24, was attending a hunt ball when she attacked the woman in a taxi queue.

Her victim, who asked a male pal of Gidley's to lift-share, fell to the floor and suffered a 2cm jagged cut to her cheek.

Miss Lancashire Gidley was identified by social media and arrested the next day in October 2024.

She told cops she was acting in self-defence and did not intend to injure. But she has now pleaded guilty to wounding at Preston crown court.

Her victim said: "I now have a scar. I feel it is very noticeable and am always self-conscious. I feel anxious when out."

Keen horsewoman Gidley, of Padiham, got nine months' jail suspended for a year, with 120 hours' unpaid work.

Killed . . . Henry

Probe for force on Nowak response

By ALEX WEST

AN independent inspection into how a police force responds to violent incidents has been launched in the wake of Henry Nowak's murder.

Student Henry, 18, was knifed by Vickrum Digwa, 23, who then lied he was victim of a racist attack.

Hampshire Police initially handcuffed Henry as he lay dying in Southampton in December 2025.

His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary will assess the force's processes, training and support for officers. It will include call handling, dispatch and attendance.

Crime Commissioner Donna Jones said: "The public must have confidence that officers receive the right information, training and support."

The inspection will not examine the conduct of cops who responded to the attack on Henry.

That is being carried out by the Independent Office for Police Conduct.

BEAST PROWLS ROUND BINS

BIG CAT SCARE

Photo shows the mystery beast that shocked Clare

Picture: SWNS

Panther on loose in Northampton

WITNESS SWEARS IT'S NOT COBBLERS

A MUM has told how she spotted a panther while taking out the bins.

Shocked Clare Hodges, 51, said she snatched a quick picture – then dashed back in "quicker than I have had in my life".

Clare, from Ryehill, Northampton, said: "It was terrifying.

"Neighbours had been leaving out some raw lamb for a lovely vixen we have in the area and we'd been trying to get a photo of it for some time so I had my phone ready.

"I heard a noise behind me, so I thought it was the fox and turned round. Within a second I thought, 'Oh s***, what is that?'"

Clare, a full-time carer to her 11-year-old autistic daughter, went on: "All the pet cats in the area hadn't been out for a few days before it happened. So I wonder if it's been in the area for some time.

"I'm worried for the safety of children in the area." Northampton, whose football club are nicknamed The Cobblers after the town's historical shoe and boot-making industry, is near two recent big cat sightings.

And neighbouring county Rutland was home to the famous Beast of Rutland sightings in the 1990s.

The latest scares began on July 16 with a sighting near Gretton, a village north of Corby. On August 6 a large black cat was seen five miles south-east of the first sighting in a field near Deenethorpe. Clare took her photo around 25 miles south of the second sighting on August 18. Panthers can travel 20 miles in a day searching for prey.

Big cat spotter Gary Ridley, who has hunted panthers for more than 15 years, said: "Photographic experts in our team are looking into the veracity of the photo.

"Some sightings are dogs or cats, but there are others that are definitely something else.

"There are very big cats and they're capable of taking down a deer.

"We know because we've seen it."

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EXCLUSIVE by SEBASTIAN HAW

Clare . . . and photo

TAYLOR ON CRITICS OF HER FAME AND FORTUNES

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ZUU FACES BIG LOSSES

BIG ZUU's canned water business has sunk with debts of £9.4million.

The rapper and TV chef founded Drip in 2023.

But it is now majorly in the red, with £86,000 owed to Premier League club Tottenham Hotspur and a further £14,000 to National League side Worthing, after striking up partnerships.

HMRC, WHSmith, Morrisons and Live Nation are also among the 67 creditors owed money, according to documents filed at Companies House.

Big Zuu, *right*, whose real name is Zuhair Hassan, has put the firm into voluntary liquidation.

He is still an active director and major stakeholder of Drip Hydration Ltd – the company set up to handle the brand's finances – alongside business partners Matthew Strongin Dodds and Paul Hayes.

Drip is the official water of UFC and Matchroom Boxing after securing a £4million investment in January 2025, although things aren't looking good for it now.

Big Zuu fronted a campaign with money company Klarna two years ago to help the nation get to grips with financial jargon and stress.

Sounds like he could do with some of that now.

Demi Lovs the Bahamas

CAPTURE MEDIA

DEMI LOVATO joined the list of celebrities making me jealous with their holiday snaps – when she posted a load of photos from her getaway to the Bahamas.

The Confident singer posed in a red bikini on the beach and in a leopard-print number after jetting there with four friends.

Her husband, singer JUTES, is sure to have been jealous.

He had to miss the trip because he's on tour across North America.

Demi herself has shows coming up in the US and Brazil during the next few weeks.

I'm told she's also been back in the studio cooking up new music, just ten months after releasing her ninth album It's Not That Deep.

SOPHIE GETS LATE WINNER

SOPHIE ELLIS-BEXTOR saved the day at last night's PFA Awards after performing at less than 24 hours' notice.

BASTILLE were originally booked to play at the football ceremony but pulled out on Monday due to frontman **DAN SMITH** struggling with a serious vocal issue. Luckily, Sophie, *below*, was able to step in and took to the stage at The Opera House in Manchester instead.

My sources tell me bosses had to frantically call her to be the star act, with the singer racing up from London.

A source said: "Everything was set for Bastille to perform during the ceremony, but 24 hours before, they had to pull out under doctor's orders."

In a statement, Dan said: "I've been struggling with a vocal issue. I've been doing my best to manage it but I have been advised to have a complete vocal rest."

During the evening, which celebrated the year's best players, gongs were handed over by stars including I'm A Celeb's **ANGRY GINGE**, Love Island's **GEMMA OWEN** and Emily in Paris hunk **LUCIEN LAVISCOUNT**.

ALDO ZILLI will be making a meal of CarFest at Silverstone.

The chef is creating an Italian BBQ Feast for punters, along with Virgin Radio UK Breakfast Show host CHRIS EVANS on Saturday afternoon.

Then he will give a masterclass at The Kitchen Table from 1.15pm on Sunday, plus a talk on The Chef's Stage at 4.45pm.

NORTH: I'LL WORK IN STARBUCKS

KANYE WEST and Kim Kardashian's eldest daughter **NORTH** has vowed to buck the nepo baby trend – despite launching her own music career at 12.

In a new interview with Dazed, North said she is keen to earn cash like other kids her age.

She said: "I still wanna work. I wanna work at Starbucks next year. I think I can next year because I'm gonna be 14.

"I want to have a regular job, I guess."

Sadly for North, *right*, I don't think she'll ever get the chance to have any kind of "normal" job.

DAVID SIMS/W MAGAZINE

Harry stretches his wings

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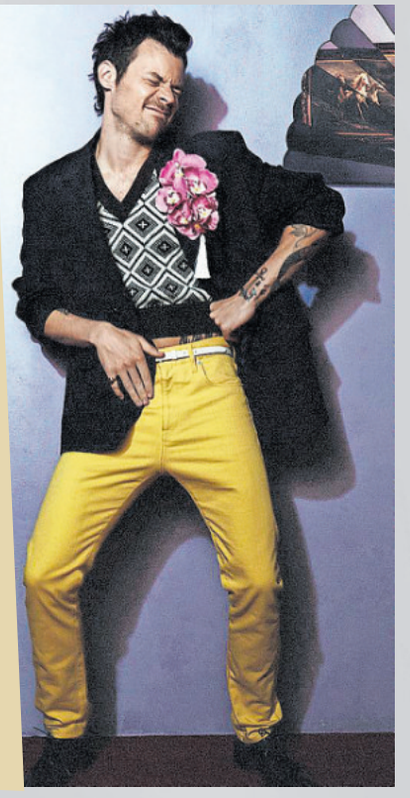

I'M not surprised HARRY STYLES needed a big stretch as he continues his marathon run of Together Together shows.

Following concerts in Amsterdam, London, Sao Paulo and Mexico City, he starts a 30-date residency at New York's Madison Square Garden tonight. Just as well, because he reckons dancing at gigs is the antidote to modern life.

Showing off his butterfly tattoo as he posed for snaps in W magazine – including a goofy look in glasses – he said: "Post-Covid, and now in this AI time, there's something about standing next to a sweaty stranger and exchanging energy that you can't really replace.

"The desire is for the more tangible, the little bits of magic that just happen." He added: "Almost exclusively, my favourite things have come in moments of being incredibly unproductive."

Hailey's pooling power

HAILEY BIEBER is one yummy mummy as she poses poolside in a new fashion campaign.

The billionaire founder of skincare brand Rhode has become the face of high-street brand Mango.

Her latest shoot comes after Hailey, who married singer JUSTIN in 2018, marked the second birthday of their son Jack Blues with a series of pics on Instagram.

The couple have certainly defied the odds to have a successful marriage and start a family. There were plenty who thought they wouldn't last after only a few months.

She's really proved the haters wrong.

HOLLYWOOD continues to be incapable of leaving good things be, as a sequel to 2003 romcom How To Lose A Guy In 10 Days is now in the works.

Movie bosses want **KATE HUDSON** and **MATTHEW McCONAUGHEY**, *right*, to reprise their roles, and she's already signed up to produce the movie.

THE 20th anniversary of **AMY WINEHOUSE**'s Back To Black album is being celebrated with a re-issue featuring unreleased demos, rare B-sides and a live performance recorded in Amsterdam.

The new three-disc collection, which is available on vinyl and CD, will be out on October 23.

It also includes unseen photos, a copy of lyrics written by Amy, and emotional liner notes from her producer pals **MARK RONSON** and **SALAAM REMI** who worked on the 2006 record.

CRITICISM? I SHAKE IT OFF

TAYLOR SWIFT stands by her decision to chase superstardom – and she loves to get her own back on people who mock her.

Tay refuses to moan about superstardom

Uses obscure words to confuse her critics

It's a refreshing change from A-listers moaning about fame.

At her Grammy Museum Icon Sessions, she said: "Sometimes when people are mocking me, it is really fun to mock them back.

"I have to use words that they have to look up in order to talk s**t about me, but I go through several processes and coping mechanisms.

"One of them is, 'You chose this. You chose this every day. You could have opted out of this any day before it got unmanageably big'.

"I decided not to, as I love it that much. That is just where this begins or ends, as long as I keep making music.

"As wild and ever-changing as the music industry is, enthusiasm can protect you from anything."

The Shake It Off singer has risen to music legend status. She is now seen as one of the all-time greats.

But in 2017, when she released her sixth album, Reputation, her name was mud after a very public feud with rapper **KANYE WEST** and his then-wife **KIM KARDASHIAN**.

Reflecting on struggling to cope as the world turned on her, Taylor said: "For the very first time – not the last – people had really actively tried to misunderstand me . . . and to purposely misinterpret it.

"It felt very stifling. When I look back on it, when people are in a hate frenzy about a public figure, when people decide we're all gonna stand around someone and point and mock them, you can't respond with outward sincerity.

"If you looked deeper into that album, it's about feeling so upset about this mass shaming you felt you were going through."

'Country roots'

In what many believe was a reference to her six-year romance with actor **JOE ALWYN**, Taylor added: "You find this little cave, and you crawl in there, and you try to find, like, a tiny bit of warmth, and that warmth sustains you for the entire time that you feel so massively misunderstood by people who don't know you."

While never confirmed officially, it's widely accepted that at least half of Reputation, including singles End Game and Delicate, is about falling in love with the British star.

Taylor and Joe split in the spring of 2023, and months later she began dating her now-husband, NFL player **TRAVIS KELCE**.

I'm told she is now counting down to the 20th anniversary of her self-titled debut album in October, when she will release an already-recorded "Taylor's Version" of the record, featuring unheard "vault tracks".

Taylor said: "I love my country roots more and more the further along this path I get, and I want to honour them more and more.

"I feel tied and more loyal to them – the people that shaped who I am as an artist and as a writer. That all happened in Nashville."

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DEAL OF DAY

SPOIL someone special –or yourself – with this Olivia Burton watch and bracelet set, down from £125 to £84 at Ernest Jones.

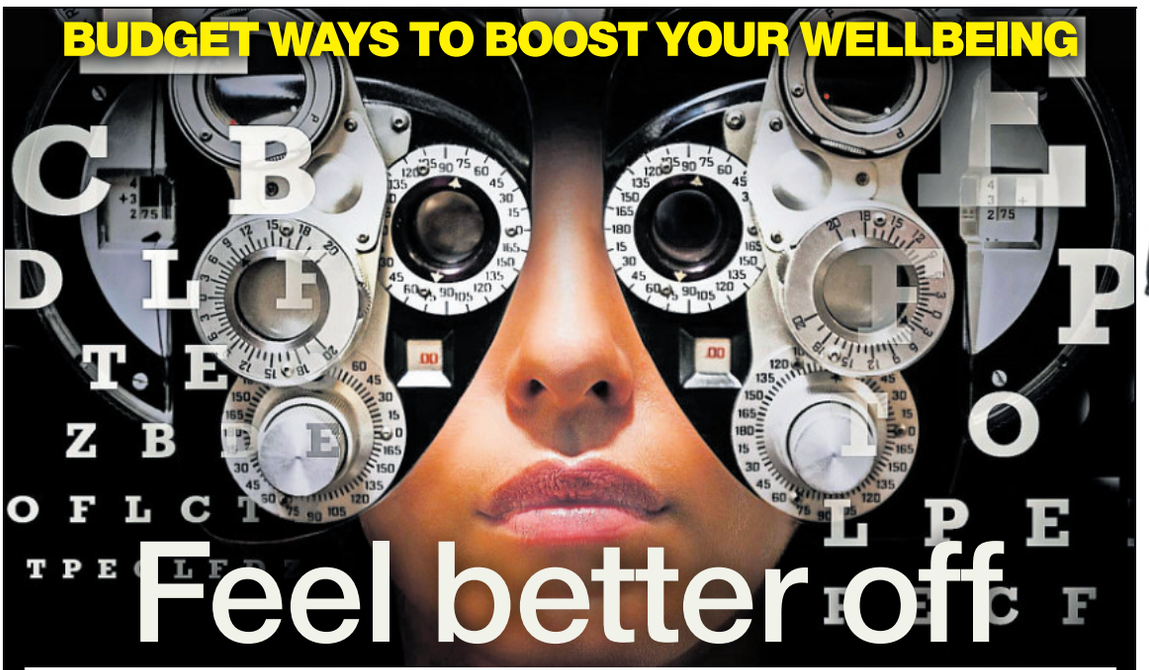
SAVE: £41

CHEAP TREAT

BIG kids will love a Capri-Sun large pouch, £1.50 from Sainsbury's. It comes with a resealable cap so you can enjoy it while on the go.

What's new?

DOUBLE up on lighting and sound with this Bluetooth speaker lamp, £80, new in at Ikea.



BUDGET WAYS TO BOOST YOUR WELLBEING

Feel better off

WITH the summer holidays drawing to a close, you may want to give your wellbeing a reboot.

By LANA CLEMENTS

There are plenty of free services that can help to give you a health overview.

Here's what you need to know . . .

EASE THE PRESSURE: High blood pressure puts you at risk of heart attacks or strokes and is more common than you might think.

Taking the time to have a check can detect any issues and help prevent a life-threatening illness before it happens.

Anyone who is over 40 in England can get a free blood pressure check at most local pharmacies, including Asda and Tesco, so you can easily do it before or after your weekly shop.

You can book a timed slot online at Boots and the chain will also offer you an optional BMI and waist circumference check as part of the service.

EYE UP A CHEAP TEST: Check your vision as well as spotting health conditions during an eye test.

These examinations cost around £30 but if you're over 60 or under 18, or receiving certain benefits such as Pension Credit, you can get an NHS-funded eye test in England. If you don't qualify for the free check, we found you can get it for £10 at selected Specsavers stores.

Look up your local store online and check for a voucher, which you then print and present at the store. We found it at branches including Nottingham and Maidenhead.

DID YOU HEAR?: Boots offers free hearing tests and if you're signed up to the Advantage Card's Over 60 rewards, you'll also scoop 300 points as part of the test.

You can also take a free, three-minute online hearing test at specsavers.co.uk.

HAVE A FEEL: Regularly checking breasts and testicles for lumps and changes is vital and takes just a few moments.

Speak to your GP as soon as possible if you notice any changes.

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Little helper

SIGN your dog up to the National Trust's Pooch Passport scheme and collect a stamp when the two of you visit a participating site from September 1. Five stamps will earn a free packet of Forthglade natural dog treats.

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Grim find . . . on jet

Frozen to death in jet wheel

By SEBASTIAN HAW

A MAN found inside the landing gear of a plane died after being in extremely cold conditions with a lack of oxygen, an inquest was told.

A ground engineer at Gatwick Airport found the unidentified man while checking the wheel compartment of an Air Arabia jet that had arrived from Tangier, Morocco, on June 16.

A post-mortem found the cause of death to be cardiac arrest, followed by hypoxia and hypothermia.

West Sussex Brighton and Hove area coroner Joseph Turner opened the inquest in Horsham.

He said conditions inside the wheel compartment would have been extremely cold and that there would have been a lack of oxygen.

Mr Turner said he had "reason to believe this death was unnatural".

The inquest was adjourned until February.

Snooker KOs Dott

GRAEME Dott has been kicked out of World Snooker's Hall of Fame after being found guilty of abusing two children.

The 2006 world champion, 49, also had his membership of the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association revoked, banning him from the sport for good.

Dott was found guilty at Glasgow's high court on Monday of lewd and libidinous behaviour towards a boy and girl between 1993 and 2010.

He will be sentenced in Edinburgh next month.

Wanderers-themed boozer is Shed of Year

£25k bolthole has telly and draught beer

Picture: EMMA TRIMBLE/SWNS

Bar-my army . . . Rich and Tina with top award

SHED'S HEAVEN

Tina in 'beer garden'

WOLVES DEN

Kitted out for games . . . shirts, TV

A COUPLE have won Pub Shed of the Year for their Wolverhampton Wanderers-themed boozer.

Tina and Rich Hibbs have spent £25,000 over eight years crafting the backyard bolthole.

Packed with Wolves shirts and memorabilia, it boasts a bar with draught lager and cider, TV, Pac-Man machine and beer garden.

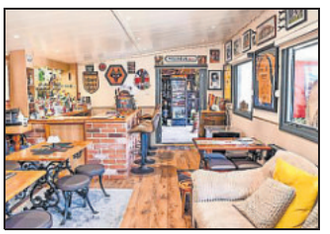
Baker Tina, 48, of Rugeley, Staffs, said: "We have a friend who runs a business making these, so he helped with the shell while the interior was all done by us.

"Our friends love it. I'm not sure about our neighbours but we've not had any complaints!"

The couple were "gobsmacked" by the award and celebrated after retired skip firm boss Rich, 57, returned from Wolves' 3-1 win at Preston. Tina added: "It's become a great space for entertaining."

Award organisers Two Fat Blokes bar signs and Ngage Radio said: "Hibby's Bar is a worthy winner."

By NICK PARKER



Wanderer in . . . pub's cosy interior

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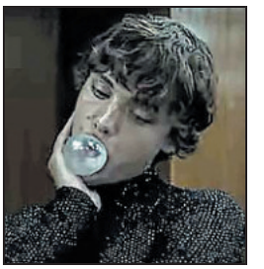
SHOW MOSS GO ON, KATE

By BENEDICT ELLIOT

SUPERMODEL Kate Moss lip-syncs Chris Isaak's 1989 hit Wicked Game in her latest fashion campaign.

The 52-year-old Londoner sizzled in a slinky black dress while taking a hotel ballroom mic for a short film promoting Gucci's Primavera 2026.

The star-studded campaign also features late Big Brother star Jade Goody's son, Bobby Brazier, who modelled for Gucci earlier this year, and British rapper EsDeeKid.



Blowing bubbles . . . Bobby

Picture: GUCCI

Alert . . . a Virgin plane

Jet drone near miss at 5,500ft

EXCLUSIVE by JOHN LUCAS

A DRONE flying at a height nearly 14 times the legal limit came within just 16ft of crashing into a passenger plane.

Virgin Atlantic pilots saw the device at 5,500ft near Woking, Surrey, after leaving Heathrow for Johannesburg on June 8.

A British Airprox Board report said there was a high risk of collision, and the pilots spotted the drone too late to take avoiding action.

Its operator was not found but faces five years in jail if caught.

SUB'S RESURFACED

A German U-boat sunk by the Navy in 1944 has been discovered 20 miles off the coast of Devon.

'PAIN' FOR ABUSE TRIAL MISS

PARTNER: SEX WITH TEACHER'S DIFFICULT

By JULIA ATHERLEY

A TEACHER accused of sexually abusing two pupils was often reluctant to have sex, her partner of 36 years told her trial yesterday.

Darren Scotchbrook told jurors he was "always quick" in bed to spare Sally-Anne Bowen discomfort.

The court heard evidence from a consultant gynaecologist that she has a medical condition which makes sex painful.

Mr Scotchbrook told the jury they have continued to have sex but their relationship was "built on much more than that".

Asked if he enjoyed the sex, Mr Scotchbrook said: "She made me listen to Leonard Cohen. It was more enjoyable than that."

Mr Scotchbrook also told the court that he was "a bit upset" that Bowen did not want to sleep with him after their first date as he had "spent £200 on dinner".

Bowen, 65, is said to have had sexual relationships with two teenage students at the all-boys Christ's College in Finchley, North London, in the late 1980s.

Bowen, then in her mid-20s, is said to have "engaged in flirtatious conduct" with the pupils and had sex with one alleged victim "20 to 30 times" over five months.

She also kissed the second boy while allowing him to touch her breasts and place his hand near her crotch in a café as they ate lunch together, it is said. The court also heard evidence from a former pupil who claimed Bowen spoke about oral sex in class and sat provocatively so boys could see up her skirt.

Bowen, of Hemel Hempstead, Herts, denies indecent assault. The trial at Harrow crown court continues.

'Discomfort' . . . Bowen

ADVICE BY MONEY FOR NOTHING'S SARAH MOORE

Flog your logs... and other old junk

FORGET side-hustles and stocks and shares . . . the real cash generator could be sitting in your nan's attic, garage or even a garden shed.

With BBC series Money For Nothing celebrating its tenth anniversary this month, presenter Sarah Moore has seen first-hand how one person's trash can be another's treasure.

From a dusty collection of dog ornaments that fetched £1,000 to a pile of old logs that sold for £835, you could be sitting on a small fortune.

Sarah tells YASMIN HARISHA the eight key items to hunt down.

TRADE SECRETS . . . TV's Sarah

Mid-century furniture

IF you're looking to turn a profit on furniture, snap up mid-century pieces – especially if they have any brand names stamped on the bottom.

Sarah says: "Mid-century stuff that looks a bit like the furniture your parents had when they first got married has real value right now.

"In general, anything somebody has bothered to put a name on – like Ercol, G Plan or Stag – is higher quality and heavily collectable.

"On the show, a broken G Plan sofa was restored by maker Ollie Clueit and went on to fetch an impressive £2,500.

"Start looking for underpriced items on local sites, such as Facebook Marketplace, then flip them."

Battered toy cars

EVERYONE expects boxed, die-cast collectables in mint condition to sell for top dollar, but even bashed-up toy cars hold some value.

Sarah says: "A Dinky toy that has a wheel missing won't get you much on its own. But upcycler Rupert Blanchard took a bucket of old 1980s toy cars – worth maybe a couple of pounds each – and grouped them into framed, themed wall art.

"He paired four toy Porsches with an old Porsche plate and the collection generated £735 in profit. It's all about presentation."

Unloved instruments

BEFORE you bin a damaged heirloom, consider how its materials could be salvaged for bespoke furniture.

Sarah says: "A broken piece doesn't mean the item is completely useless.

"During a visit to a recycling centre, I met a man called James, who was about to chuck out a smashed-up 1920s organ that belonged to his great-grandfather.

"Carpenter Norman Wilkinson repurposed the organ into a stunning desk with original features intact.

"It made £125 profit – so think inventively about raw materials.

"Old instruments can also be valuable – particularly if they have a recognised maker's mark. Repairs can be costly but check with an expert if it's worth the investment."

Hand-knotted rugs

RUGS are one of the most misunderstood goldmines in the second-hand market.

Sarah reveals: "They are massive money-makers. Turn them upside-down – if the back is uneven and hand-knotted, it will be vastly more valuable than a machine-made version.

"I once bought a scruffy rug with a big hole in the middle at a tip re-use shop for £5.

"Because it had an unusual pattern featuring cats, an expert valued it at £1,500 to £2,000. Don't let minor damage fool you."

Vintage dog ornaments

KITSCH knick-knacks hidden away in the loft can be transformed into quirky, high-value home decor.

Sarah says: "One of my favourite projects was helping an older gentleman whose family wanted him to clear out hundreds of dog ornaments.

"I used modelling clay and gold paint to craft little crowns on top, and turned them into unique candle holders.

"We made £1,000 in profit.

"Taking something everyday and adding a creative twist can net a huge return."

Antique sports gear

OLD sports equipment gathering dust in the garage can be repurposed into high-end lighting and home accessories.

Sarah recalls: "I once intercepted a collection of antique golf clubs with early hickory shafts at the recycling centre.

"Lighting designer Guy Trench turned them into a series of golf-themed items, including floor lamps, bookends and even loo roll holders, and the project made £370 in profit.

"Old sports items made from solid wood or brass translate beautifully into industrial-style homeware."

Yard junk and firewood

RAW outdoor materials destined for the skip can yield impressive paydays when upcycled thoughtfully.

Sarah says: "You don't need fancy materials to make a profit.

"Co-presenter JJ Chalmers intercepted a plain pile of old logs that were about to be dumped.

"By cutting them down and crafting them into neatly packaged bundles of plant markers, that scrap wood generated £835 in profit.

"Look around your garden and outdoor space before throwing anything away."

China and ceramics

DISCARDED tea sets and decorative plates found languishing in skips can often be hidden treasures.

Sarah says: "China is fantastic because it's so easy to identify – most pieces have makers' marks or pattern names stamped directly on the bottom.

"Little plates that people throw out without thinking can easily be worth around £50 each.

"Use Google Lens or snap a photo on your phone to quickly appraise what you've got before getting rid of it."

SARAH'S TIPS

LOOK AT THE BACK/UNDERNEATH: Hidden sides will reveal stitching, stamps or makers' marks that prove age and value.

START AT THE BACK: The best stuff is buried deepest because it went in first, especially items from older generations.

SPECIALISE IN ONE THING: Pick an area you love – like Ercol chairs, ceramics or retro clothes – and become an expert.

DON'T OVERSPEND: Don't buy £500 worth of tools. Start with paint touch-ups and test the market on local selling groups first.

High spirits . . . players

Gazza's Euro 96 bottle up for grabs

By ED SOUTHGATE

PAUL Gascoigne's water bottle from his Euro 96 goal celebration against Scotland is up for sale.

The England ace scored a Wembley stunner and followed it up with the "dentist's chair" caper.

He lay on the pitch as teammates including Alan Shearer and Steve McManaman squirted water into his mouth from the pitchside bottle.

The celebration poked fun at a pre-tournament scandal where players had spirits poured down their throats in a Hong Kong bar's dentist chair.

Gazza, now 59, later said the boozy night was "good for team spirit".

The yellow and black Fair Play water bottle was picked up by a policeman on duty and kept as a memento.

It goes under the hammer at Budds Auctions, of Wellingborough, Northants, next month with a £200 to £300 estimate.

Predator . . . Hutton

999 perv trawled for girls in ambo

By PAUL SIMS

A PREDATORY paramedic who targeted young girls online while treating patients in his ambulance has been struck off.

Gary Hutton groomed their mothers on a swingers' site during 999 call-outs, the Health and Care Professions Tribunal Service heard.

The panel said: "It was predatory behaviour with a view to engaging in the sexual abuse of children."

It heard that married Hutton, 59, sent women selfies in uniform as he helped casualties to gain their confidence.

He was caught after sending obscene pictures to a cop posing as the mum of a girl aged six – and suggesting they both meet him for sex.

The panel banned Hutton, of Doncaster, South Yorks, who had worked at Yorkshire ambulance service for 27 years.

It follows his jailing last year for ten years for trying to arrange child sex.

'OBSESSIVE' BILLIE PIPER STALKER JAILED FOR YEAR

A STALKER who repeatedly broke a court order by harassing actress Billie Piper online has been jailed for a year.

Obsessive Philip Jerome, 49, posted AI-generated images of the former Doctor Who star on X, also tagging her to try to get her attention.

He made 11 online posts last December, some of which included artificial intelligence images of her in cartoon form.

By ED SOUTHGATE

It was found he had also saved pictures of the star to his computer's library, which breached a previous restraining order. In one X message, he commented: "She looks great without a bra on."

He had been jailed for a year in 2022 for breaching a restraining order when security staff at a Comic Con event caught him taking pictures of Ms Piper. Jerome, of Winchester, Hants, who is autistic, was first handed an order in 2018 after sending her letters, going to her home and posting cards through her door.

He sent the actress an 18-page love letter later the same year.

At Basingstoke magistrates' court yesterday, where he admitted the breaches, his lawyer Caroline Bonavia said the latest posts were not of an "unpleasant nature" and would not be a problem if not for his history.

District Judge Kirsty Allman said Jerome's behaviour was "entrenched and obsessive" and of a "sexual nature".

She told him: "You met Ms Piper 20 years ago and became obsessed. Your persistent effort is because you believe you can engage in a relationship. This is delusional."

Stalker . . . Jerome, & Billie Piper, right

King 10p is minted

THE first 10p coins bearing the King's portrait were released yesterday.

The Royal Mint is circulating 6.5million dated 2026 plus 600,000 dated 2023, his coronation year.

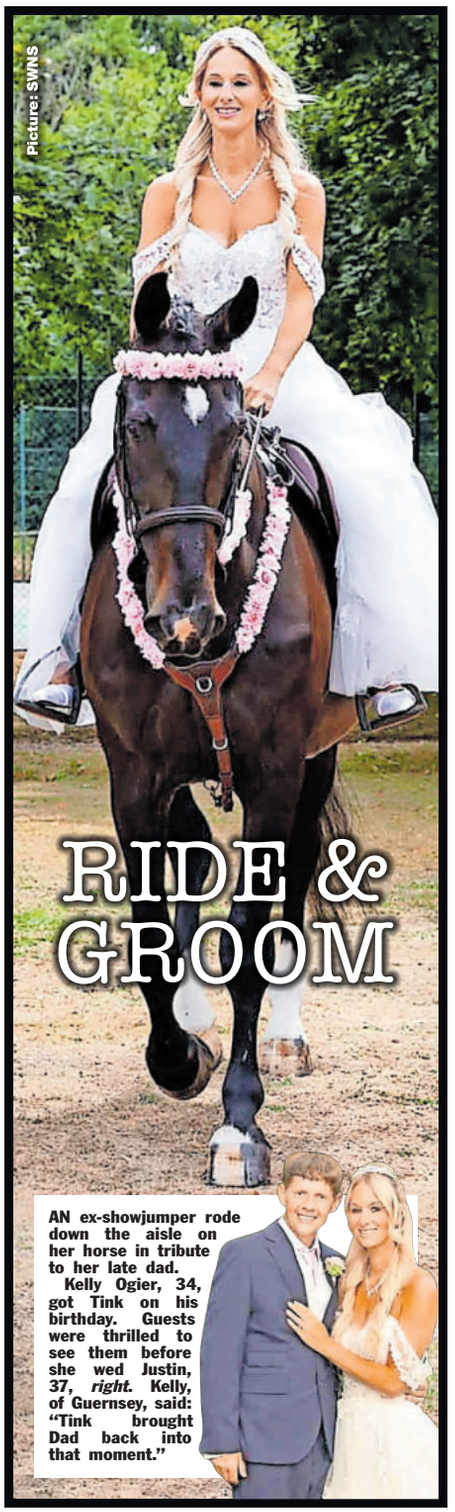
There is rising demand for the denomination.

The capercaillie bird features on the "tails" side. Charles 5p, 50p and £1 coins have circulated since 2022.

Coins with the King's portrait now account for one per cent of the UK's 24billion in circulation.

THAT BALL WAS IN!

Sir Andy Murray hit his first golf hole-in-one, at the 223-yd par 3 at Bridge of Allan, Stirlingshire.



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RIDE & GROOM

AN ex-showjumper rode down the aisle on her horse in tribute to her late dad.

Kelly Ogier, 34, got Tink on his birthday. Guests were thrilled to see them before she wed Justin, 37, *right*. Kelly, of Guernsey, said: "Tink brought Dad back into that moment."

Enclosure . . . at zoo

Attacked croc lad, 3, home

By RACHEL DALE

A BOY of three nearly killed by crocodiles when he was thrown into an enclosure at a zoo is out of hospital and back home with his family.

The lad returned a few weeks ago and is "happy to be home, playing with his toys, sleeping in his own bed and being a big brother", his parents said.

In an online update they said was "nice to have us all back together in the comfort of our own home", after June's horror at Johnsons of Old Hurst zoo, Cambs.

They praised hospital staff who taught him "new ways to use his feet in play".

The boy has had seven ops. A GoFundMe page has raised £114,000.

A man, 30, of Norfolk, was arrested and bailed after police said he was not fit for interview. He reportedly has learning difficulties and had been on a trip with carers.

Murder & arson rap

A MAN has been charged with murder after an arson attack killed one woman, left another fighting for life and injured seven other people.

Pawel Kulpa, 34, allegedly set a house ablaze in Hounslow, West London, at 1am on August 19.

Anna Kowalska, 50, later died in hospital.

A woman, 40, remains in a life-threatening condition. The seven others suffered minor injuries.

Kulpa is also charged with attempted murder and arson. He was remanded by Willesden magistrates to appear at the Old Bailey tomorrow.

RISE AND WHINE

Two in five people wake up feeling grumpy once a week, a poll by Samsung Health found.

Spared jail . . Dennedy

Drunken lecturer hit mum on plane

By THOMAS GODFREY

A LECTURER who hit a mother on a plane after drinking three bottles of wine was spared jail after promising never to fly or drink again.

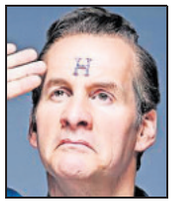
Michael Dennedy, 32, refused to sit down on an Air France flight on March 8.

He tried to swipe a phone from a passenger and then slapped Nicole Mendiboure when she filmed his drunken antics on her mobile.

The director of English at University Technical College Reading admitted assault and being drunk on the flight from Paris to Heathrow.

He was due to be sentenced at Uxbridge magistrates' court last month but had a stress-related heart attack days before his appearance.

Dennedy, of Reading, Berks, was sentenced to three months in prison, suspended for six months, and fined £645.



Guest . . . actor Barrie

Sci-fi fan anger as event is called off

By ALEX WEST

SCI-FI lovers are furious after a pop culture convention was mysteriously cancelled with days to go.

Up to 20,000 fans have previously attended the Wales Comic Con, with star guests including Red Dwarf's Chris Barrie.

But suspicions were raised after ticketholders were given no line-up updates. Now organisers say the event at Llangollen this Saturday and Sunday is off.

One fan said: "I haven't heard anything about guests for months and all of a sudden the event is cancelled. I had booked travel and everything."

Another said: "Signs of this event's downfall have been apparent for years."

Organisers gave no reason for the cancellation, but said they were "incredibly sorry". They added: "All existing ticket and booking holders will be contacted directly with further information."

STAR WAS LOVED FOR HER SONGS

By ALUN PALMER

DOLLY PARTON was so very much more than a country music star.

She took on the worlds of music, business and philanthropy on her own terms.

The American singer-songwriter, who died yesterday age 80, was always fiercely apolitical and adored by both political left and right.

A gay icon and a country legend who could play Glastonbury and the Grand Ole Opry, she bridged every divide in life.

Her career was jaw-dropping. More than 100million record sales worldwide, 25 No1 singles in the Billboard country music charts (a record for a female artist), 44 top ten country albums, 110 singles in the charts – and she wrote more than 3,000 songs.

She won 11 Grammy Awards and got nods for an Emmy, Oscar and Tony Award.

Throughout her life, positivity shone through in all she did.

While Americans were being told to inject bleach to combat Covid, she quietly gave a million dollars to research a vaccine. Her money was vital in bringing the Moderna jab quickly to a much-needed world.

In America and Britain, she helped bring millions of books into the homes of pre-school children.

As great a businesswoman as she was a musician and philanthropist, she once refused Elvis Presley's demand to hand over half of the royalties for him singing one of her tunes. Not giving up those rights to I Will Always Love You, sung by her and then Whitney Houston, would make her tens of millions.

In May, she cancelled her September Las Vegas residency because of health concerns.

But in typical Dolly fashion she made a joke of it.

She said: "As many of you know, I have been dealing with some health challenges, and my doctors tell me that I must have a few procedures.

"It must be for my 100,000-mile check-up – although it's not my usual trip to see my plastic surgeon.

'Spiritual strength'

"And don't worry about me quittin' the business because God hasn't said anything about stopping yet. But I believe He is telling me to slow down right now so I can be ready for more big adventures."

Her goddaughter, the singer and former Disney star Miley Cyrus, said of her second mother: "I wish everyone had the chance to meet Dolly Parton because she's even better than your sparkliest dreams.

"She may be my fairy godmother, but she's that to everyone. I am happy to share her with the world."

Dolly's positivity was infectious and her approach to life as honest as it was homely.

She said: "You have to work at being happy. Some people work at being miserable.

"If I wake up in the morning and don't feel great or things are not great, I think what I can do to make things work better, rather than just falling into that hole. I try to be grateful for the things I have, thank God, and look for spiritual strength."

Born in 1946, Dolly's humble childhood could not have been any more country – home was a two-room log cabin with no electricity or running water in the Great Smoky Mountains of eastern Tennessee.

Dad Lee was a share cropper and his huge family – Dolly was the fourth of 12 children – slept three or four to a bed.

She described her family as "dirt poor," and recalled how her father paid the doctor who delivered Dolly with a sack of cornmeal.

But she remembered that cabin – now lovingly recreated at her lavish Dollywood resort, also in Tennessee – as full of "faith, family, and music".

When she died, she was estimated to be worth up to £50million – but never forgot her roots.

Mum Avie Lee Owens sang traditional folk ballads, including Welsh songs she learnt from her family who came from Conwy.

She said: "I'm like her, she always tried to find the good in everything, the fun. Even when things were at their worst, she tried to make light. I wake every day thinking, 'Everything's going to be fine', and if it's not I'm shocked and set about trying to get it to be right.

"She married at 15 and, by 35, had 12 children, but she was able to make every one of us feel like individuals."

Dolly revealed last year she was working on a four-part documentary tracing her Welsh roots, which is due to be released later this year.

Her grandad was a violin player and Pentecostal preacher, and Dolly sang in church from the age of six.

She started writing songs before she knew how to read her first one – Little Tiny Tassle Top – at the age of five. At seven, she began playing the guitar and her uncle Bill Owens became her first songwriting partner – a team that would be long-lasting. By ten, she was performing professionally, a regular singer and guitarist on local radio and TV shows including The Cas Walker Farm and Home Hour in Knoxville, Tennessee.

She recorded her first album aged 12 and the next year performed at the Mecca of country, the Grand Ole Opry, in Nashville, where she was introduced by Johnny Cash. She sang not one encore but three.

From a young age, Dolly knew her look – modelled on the "town tramp" who wore high heels and tight skirts.

Dolly recalled: "She was flamboyant. She had bright-red lipstick, long red fingernails. She had high-heeled shoes, little floating plastic goldfish in the heels, short skirts, low-cut tops, and I thought she was beautiful.

"When people would say, 'She ain't nothing but trash', I would say, 'Well, that's what I'm gonna be when I grow up'." Her dad and grandad both hated the way she dressed and they regularly punished her.

But she said: "I was willing to pay for it. I'm very sensitive, I didn't like being disciplined, it hurt my feelings so bad to be scolded or whipped. But sometimes there's that part of you that's willing, if you want something bad enough, to go for it."

That willpower showed when she became the first member of her family to graduate from high school, in 1964 while working hard to become a star at the same time.

She was determined not to struggle like her parents did. She said: "I did not want that for myself. My mom and my aunts, I grew up with

HUMBLE BEGINNINGS . . . Dollywood replica of singer's childhood home in the Smoky Mountains. Dolly started singing on the front porch as a girl, *right*, before performing in church where her grandfather was a preacher. She moved to Nashville to find her fortune in the 1960s, *left*

Dolly was the Queen of Country Music...she was also its heart

S AND HER GENEROSITY

DOLLY PARTON 1946-2026

DIXIE DARLING . . . force of nature sold more than 100million records and won fans across the world

TALENTED . . . country star Dolly, seen here in 1976, was never far from a guitar

DEVOTED . . . Dolly with Carl Dean, her husband of nearly 59 years, who died in 2025

Parton words... the wit of Dolly

"I am a self-made woman, and I have the doctor's bills to prove it."

"Storms make trees take deeper roots."

"I have small feet because nothing grows in the shade."

"When someone shows you their true colours, believe them."

"It costs a lot of money to look this cheap."

"We cannot direct the wind, but we can adjust the sails."

"My songs are like my children – I expect them to support me when I'm old."

"My weaknesses have always been food and men – in that order."

"Find out who you are. And do it on purpose."

"I've always said I've had more guts than I've got talent."

"Don't get so busy making a living that you forget to make a life."

"A rhinestone shines just as good as a diamond."

"When somebody says, 'How long does it take to do your hair?' I say, 'How do I know? I'm never there'."

"If you see someone without a smile today, give 'em yours."

"I never thought I was beautiful. I was 5ft 2in when I was 12 and I haven't grown an inch since. I wanted to be pretty more than anything in the world."

"I'm a little-bitty person, as you can see. It's just that my boobs look so big hanging on such a little person!"

"The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain."

"I was the first woman to burn my bra. It took the fire department four days to put it out."

"If you don't like the road you're walking, start paving another one."

"I have pretty good skin, considering my age, and I think a lot of it is mineral oil and bacon grease."

"You'll never do a whole lot unless you're brave enough to try."

"Smile – it increases your face value."

"I've had heartaches, headaches, toothaches, earaches, and I've had a few pains in the ass, but I've survived to tell about it."

"People say, 'How do you stay looking so young?' I say, 'Well, good lighting, good doctors and good make-up'."

"I'm not offended by dumb blonde jokes because I know that I'm not dumb. I also know that I'm not a blonde."

"I'm the little engine that did."

women knowing how to be good mothers, but that was just not what I felt God had in mind for me.

"Somebody's got to entertain those people, to write songs about them. I know what it's like – I've seen it, been around it. There's no thing foreign to me.

"I got the best of my dad and mom. It's kept me as a businesswoman, knowing what I need to do, not just to get out and sing."

The day after her graduation, aged 18, she set out for Nashville to start her music career. When she stepped off the bus, she started out on a career that would eclipse almost all others.

On that day in 1964, outside a launderette, she met Carl Thomas Dean, who would turn out to be the love of her life.

Carl, a paving contractor, stayed away from the spotlight but did say: "My first thought was, 'I'm gonna marry that girl'. My second was, 'Lord, she's good lookin'. And that was the day my life began."

Speaking decades later, Dolly was still full of love for her man.

She said: "I met him when I was 18, on my first day in Nashville. He comes driving by, sees me and says, he told me later, 'That's the girl I'm going to marry'. Sure enough, he did.

"He loves staying home and I love staying gone so it works out perfect. I am never away more than two weeks at a time unless overseas.

"He keeps the home fires burning while I bring home the bacon. It works fine."

By 19, she had signed a songwriting deal with Combine Publishing, along with her uncle Bill.

Soon after came her first solo contract, with Monument Records. But she was sold as a pop singer, which failed to work, so switched back to country and was an instant success.

In 1967, she joined The Porter Wagoner Show, a TV show hosted by the Grand Ole Opry star, which made her a celebrity.

Her first No1 solo hit, Joshua, was in 1971 and two years later she wrote mega-hits Jolene and I Will Always Love You in one sitting.

Both crossed out of the country backwater into mainstream success.

She was no pushover as a petite woman in a male-dominated industry.

She said: "I knew how to manoeuvre in a crowd of men. I never slept with anybody to get ahead, because to me it wouldn't be worth it. That don't usually work in the long haul, either.

"There was harassment but I always knew how to put a man in his place without making him feel bad.

"If sometimes that don't work, I'm also strong as a boy – I know how to push you off and get the hell away."

She channelled all her experiences into hit 1980 comedy flick 9 To 5 and was nominated for an Oscar, for Best Original Song, and a Golden Globe for Best Actress.

Dolly and Dean tried for a family but it sadly never happened. She said: "It just wasn't meant to be. I could have adopted. I had a few little problems but it's fine, that's OK."

Instead, she channelled her energies into ensuring children around the world had the chance to read a book – inspired by her illiterate dad.

Her Imagination Library sees books land on the doorsteps of one million children a month from Tennessee to Belfast and Bradford – a staggering 254million in total.

'Prayers and sympathy'

Of goddaughter Miley, another country star who found fame at a young age, she said: "Miley's always been pretty much in control of her own self. She might have overdone it a bit here and there but I will always defend Miley. It's worked out so great, I couldn't be closer to her if she was my own child."

In her home state, she founded Dollywood – a theme park near Pigeon Forge which, along with normal rides, also hosts music and food events and a museum dedicated to her life.

It is ranked the eighth-best theme park in the world by Tripadvisor.

The death of her husband in March 2025, after 58 years of marriage, hit Dolly hard. Announcing his passing, she said: "Words can't do justice to the love we shared for over 60 years.

"Thank you for your prayers and sympathy."

After her own health scare last year, when her niece asked fans to pray, she released a video saying she was on the road to recovery.

She admitted: "I've got some problems, as I mentioned. Back when my husband Carl was very sick, that was for a long time, and then when he passed, I didn't take care of myself. I let a lot of things go that I should've been taking care of.

"So anyway, when I got around to it, the doctor said, we need to take care of this, take care of that.

"I'm not ready to die yet. I don't think God is through with me and I ain't done working. So, I love you for caring, and keep praying for me,"

Dolly showed no signs of slowing down.

She said: "I've been writing since I was seven.

"I've always got something to write on – chewing gum papers, napkins. I never know when an idea is going to hit me, and I do not like to lose them."

And there was no way she was going to quietly leave the stage she dominated for so many years.

She said: "I am never going to retire. I want to be remembered as somebody who took her work serious, but not herself.

"As someone who brought books to children all over the world. For the fact that I managed to make a living doing something I love to do.

"And as a caring, giving, working girl."

Wednesday

Sun TV 4-PAGE SECTION

TV GUIDE

BBC ONE

6am Breakfast (S)
9.30 Morning Live: Top Tips And Best Bits Nick Stapleton confronts a scammer. (S)
10.30 Garden Rescue (R,S)
11.15 Homes Under The Hammer The development progress of properties in London, Crewe and County Durham. (R,S)
12.15 Bargain Hunt Danny Sebastian celebrates the world of collectibles. (R,S)
1.00 BBC News (S)
2.00 Money For Nothing In Surrey, Sarah Moore finds some old lawn bowls, a croquet set, some brown furniture and some lampshades. (S)
2.45 Escape To The Country Sonali Shah helps a couple buying their first house together. (R,S)
3.30 The Repair Shop Items include a wartime diary, a dolls' house and a railway lantern. (R,S)
4.30 The Answer Run Quiz hosted by Jason Manford. (R,S)
5.15 Pointless Quiz hosted by Alexander Armstrong and Nish Kumar. (R,S)
6.00 BBC News (S)
6.30 Regional News (S)

8pm Fiona Bruce and Philip Mould in Fake Or Fortune: What Happened Next?

7.00 The One Show JB Gill and Clara Amfo present the magazine show with guests and stories of interest. (S)
7.30 EastEnders Alfie throws Kat a surprise party and Kim is furious with Jack when she learns what's happened. Oscar is asked to organise Max's stag do. (S)
8.00 Fake Or Fortune: What Happened Next? (6/6) Fiona Bruce and Philip Mould investigate the legitimacy of a piano that may have belonged to John Lennon and a guitar believed to have belonged to Ronnie Wood. (S)
9.00 Celebrity MasterChef (5/15) The contestants are given chilli and spice as mystery ingredients that they must create a dish around. In the Who's Coming to Dinner? round, Zoe Ball challenges the celebrities to make their ultimate pudding. (S)
10.00 BBC News (S)
10.30 Regional News (S)
10.40 MOTD: UEFA Champions League Action from the play-off round second-leg ties, including LASK v Celtic at Raiffeisen Arena, Bodø/Glimt v NEC Nijmegen at Aspmyra Stadion and Lyon v Fenerbahce at Groupama Stadium. (S)
11.25 The Shallows FILM Thriller starring Blake Lively. (2016) ✪✪✪✪ (S) Followed by **Weather For The Week Ahead**
12.50-6am BBC News (S)

BBC TWO

6.30 am Escape To The Country With Nicki Chapman. (R,S)
7.15 Money For Nothing (R,S)
8.00 Sign Zone: Great Continental Railway Journeys (R,S,SL)
9.00 BBC News (S)
1.00 Richard Osman's House Of Games (R,S)
1.30 The Edge (R,S)
2.15 Do You Know Your Place? With Susan Calman, Max Fosh and Noreen Khan. (R,S)
2.45 Animal Park Summer (R,S)
3.30 Serengeti III In the aftermath of the great fire, the animals struggle to survive. (R,S)
4.30 Vintage Antiques Roadshow Michael Aspel and the team visit Cressing Temple Barns in Essex, where objects include an Italian chair by Bugatti. (R,S)
5.10 Flog It! From Chiddingstone Castle in Kent. (R,S)
6.00 Richard Osman's House Of Games Jimi Famurewa, Harriet Kemsley, Colin Murray and Sara Pascoe compete. (R,S)
6.30 Great Continental Railway Journeys Michael Portillo's journey reaches Rennes, capital of Brittany. (R,S)

9pm George W Bush is features in 9/11: Inside The President's War Room

7.00 Celebrity Antiques Road Trip (6/20) Leslie Ash and Phil Daniels, of cult movie Quadrophenia, are together again on Lincolnshire's roads in a pink Cadillac, shopping with guidance from Phil Serrell and Serhat Ahmet. (R,S)
8.00 Inside The Factory (2/6) Paddy McGuinness visits the Warburtons bread factory in his hometown of Bolton, where he had a Saturday job over 30 years ago, to catch up with old friends and learn how the machines, ovens and conveyors he once cleaned enable the site to produce 1.4million loaves of bread every week. (R,S)
9.00 9/11: Inside The President's War Room Documentary revealing how President George W Bush and his staff dealt with the September 11 attack with testimony from Bush, Dick Cheney, Condoleezza Rice and Colin Powell. (R,S)
10.30 Newsnight Analysis of the day's events. (S) Followed by **Weather**
11.05 Couples Therapy (4 & 5/9) Double bill. Shay and Clinton are set homework to learn to compromise. Then, Sienna explores how childhood bullying led her to bury uncomfortable feelings. (S)
12.00 Buried With Michael Sheen (R,S) **1.00** Sign Zone: Celebrity MasterChef (R,S,SL) **2.00-3am** Brexit: A Very British Civil War (R,S,SL)

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6am Good Morning Britain (S)
10.00 This Morning A mix of celebrity chat, lifestyle features, advice and competitions. Including Local Weather. (S)
1.30 ITV News (S)
1.55 Regional News (S)
2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal In Blackburn, Alys Dobbie meets a time-travelling fan, Matt Taylor hopes a big deal won't go up in smoke, and things heat up for Karen Dalmeny. (R,S)
3.00 Deal Or No Deal Stephen Mulhern hosts as Richard tries to open the 22 red boxes in the right order, taking on the infamous Banker for the chance to win a life-changing cash prize. (R,S) Followed by **Local Weather**
4.00 Tipping Point Ben Shephard hosts the arcade-themed quiz in which contestants drop tokens down a choice of four chutes in the hope of winning a £10,000 jackpot. (R,S)
5.00 The Chase Sarah, Arash, Suzanne and James take on a Chaser. Bradley Walsh hosts. (R,S)
6.00 Regional News (S)
6.30 ITV News (S)

9pm Ben Miller and Zoë Wanamaker star in the drama series, Professor T

7.30 Celebrity Lingo (9/10) Adil Ray hosts as tennis coach Judy Murray and sports presenter Mark Pougatch take on Morning Live hosts Helen Skelton and Rav Wilding to win money for their chosen charities. (R,S)
8.00 Emmerdale Caleb is triumphant, while Dawn has a big decision to make and Graham is in a tricky position. (S)
8.30 Coronation Street Lucy uses a therapy session to voice her contempt for the Metcalfes, while Ollie comes to Christina's aid, and Bethany spots blood on Kit's shirt. (S)
9.00 Professor T (2/6) Jasper is visiting a retirement home with Zelda when one of the residents apparently kills a woman but there may be more to the perplexing case than meets the eye. Crime drama, starring Ben Miller. (S)
10.00 ITV News At Ten (S)
10.30 Regional News (S)
10.45 Spectre James Bond goes FILM in search of the elusive mastermind behind a secret criminal network with links to his own past. Spy thriller starring Daniel Craig and Christoph Waltz. (2015) ✪✪✪✪ (S)
1.10 Shop On TV 3.00 Love & Death (R,S,SL) **4.00** Inside The Langham: Britain's First Grand Hotel (R,S,SL) **4.20** Unwind With ITV (S) **5.35-6am** Tom Kerridge Cooks Italy (R,S,SL)

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6.30 am The King Of Queens (R,S)
7.45 Everybody Loves Raymond American comedy. (R,S)
9.10 Frasier (R,S)
11.10 Ramsay's 24 Hours To Hell And Back (R,S)
12.05 C4 News (S)
12.10 Find It, Fix It, Flog It Henry Cole and Simon O'Brien visit Leicestershire, where they meet Bernadette, whose uncle Jim has filled every room with motorbikes, cycles and various other things. (R,S)
1.10 The Great House Giveaway Two wannabe property developers transform a wrecked house in Birmingham. (R,S)
2.10 Countdown (S)
3.00 A Place In The Sun A holiday home in Mojácar, Spain. (R,S)
4.00 The Great B&B Challenge Paul and Justin's garden party falls flat. (R,S)
5.00 Château DIY Jon and Carmen battle the imposing vines that threaten their tower. (R,S)
6.00 American Pickers A junkyard wizard has an Oktoberfest gem with Frank Fritz's name written all over it. (R,S)

8pm The duo help out in Kirstie And Phil's Love It Or List It: Brilliant Builds

7.00 C4 News (S)
8.00 Kirstie And Phil's Love It Or List It: Brilliant Builds NEW Kirstie Allsopp and Phil Spencer look back at two builds where smart solutions and practical thinking helped save the day. (S)
9.00 The Murder Detective NEW (1/3) Observational documentary telling the inside story of the seven-year-long mission to find out who murdered journalist Lyra McKee in Derry in 2019 and secure justice for her family. What begins as a murder investigation becomes a seven-year-long mission to identify those responsible, secure justice for Lyra's family, and take on the organisation that claimed responsibility for her death. (S)
10.00 The Never Ending Murder NEW Double bill. True crime documentary re-examining the case of Nicola Payne, an 18-year-old mum who went missing in Coventry in 1991 and has never been found. Then, West Midlands Police begin their forensic investigation of evidence and question two local men. When they widen their inquiries, they find possible links to other serious cases and suspects in the area. (S)
12.05 Spy Next Door: The Anna Chapman Story (R,S,SL) **1.55** Celebrity Hunted (R,S,SL) **3.50** Couples Come Dine With Me (R,S,SL) **4.45** Jamie: Eat Yourself Healthy (R,S,SL) **5.40** Find It, Fix It, Flog It (R,S) **5.50-6.30am** Countdown (R,S)

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6am Milkshake!
9.15 Jeremy Vine (S)
11.30 Storm & Alexis Discussion and debate. (S)
12.45 5 News (S)
12.50 Matt Allwright Debate on the day's biggest stories, and consumer advice to help viewers save money. (S)
2.20 Murder For Mortgage: Secrets On Maple Street FILM A couple move into a late busybody's house, but strange events make them suspect the woman's death concealed a secret. Thriller starring Frances Leigh. (2024) ✪✪ (S)
4.00 Castle A priceless work of art is stolen and the person transporting it is murdered. American crime drama, starring Nathan Fillion. (R,S)
4.55 Love Nature Cameras follow a rooftop beekeeper in Birmingham. (R,S)
5.00 5 News With Dan Walker (S)
6.00 Motorhoming With Merton & Webster Paul Merton and Suki Webster explore the New Forest. (R,S) Followed by **5 News Update**

9pm Dan Snow heads to China to find out about The Great Wall Of China

7.00 Cycling: Vuelta A España 2026 Rebecca Charlton presents action from stage five of the Grand Tour race, a hilly 173.4km route from Falset to Roquetes. (S) Followed by **5 News Update**
8.00 Call The Bailiffs: Time To Pay Up NEW Documentary following the work of High Court enforcement agents. Agents attempt to recover a debt owed by an estate agent to a former client. (S)
9.00 The Great Wall Of China With Dan Snow Dan Snow heads to China to find out more about the country's iconic landmark – the world's biggest building project that changed the course of Chinese history. (S)
10.30 A&E: Crash Scene Emergency Twenty-year-old Jess is critically injured and her older sister Jaimie-Leigh suffers a broken neck when their car collides with another vehicle. (R,S)
11.30 Ambulance: Code Red A 52-year-old man is injured after being thrown off his motorbike. (R,S)
12.30 Cops (R,S) **12.55** Entertainment News (S) **1.00** Teleshopping (R,S) **2.00** GPs: Behind Closed Doors (R,S) **2.50** Castle (R,S) **3.40** Friends (R,S) **4.35** Amazing Railway Adventures With Nick Knowles (R,S,SL) **5.25** Entertainment News (S) **5.35** Paw Patrol (R,S,SL) **5.45-6am** Mixmups (R,S,SL)

REGIONAL VARIATIONS S4C: **6am** Cyw **11.00** Camau Bach **11.00** Abadas **11.15** Cywion Bach **11.20** Caru Canu A Stori **11.30** Octonots **11.45** Jen A Jim A'r Cywiadur **12.00** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **12.05** Cartrefi Cymru **12.30** Heno **1.00** Lowri Morgan: Her 333 **1.30** Garddio A Mwy **2.00** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **2.05** Prynhawn Da **3.00** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **3.05** Siwrna Scandi Chris **4.00** Awr Fawr: Howie **4.05** Dreigiau Cadi **4.20** Pentre Papur Pop **4.30** Ein Byd Bach Ni **4.40** Waw! **5.00** Stwnsh: Li Ban **5.15** Gwrach Y Rhibyn **5.35** Mabinogi-ogi **6.00** Dan Do **6.30** Adeiladu'r Freuddwyd: Camp Out West **7.00** Heno **7.30** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **8.00** Pobol Y Cwm **8.25** Cartrefi Cymru **8.55** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **9.00** Priodas Pum Mil **10.00** Y Deis **10.30-11.35pm** Ty Ffit

FILMS ✪✪✪✪✪ Brilliant ✪✪✪✪ Very Good ✪✪✪ Good ✪✪ Not Bad ✪ Poor (R) Repeat (S) Subtitles (SL) Sign Language

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Rave promoter playing house

DANCE GURU'S SHOW DOING UP MANSION

MAKING A DATE . . . Maura's lined up for Blind Date reboot. Inset, show's late presenter, Cilla Black

DISNEY+ will confirm later today that **MAURA HIGGINS** will host the reboot of former Saturday night classic, Blind Date.

I revealed in June how she was poised to sign for the project as her star continues to soar, after appearing on I'm A Celebrity… Get Me Out Of Here! and The Traitors US.

The streaming giant is staging its showcase of upcoming shows and is expected to reveal more details about the new version of the programme.

As well as having a very different host to its famous presenter, the late **CILLA BLACK**, I can also reveal the reboot will actually be made in the steamy surroundings of a tropical retreat in MEXICO.

Maura had better dig out some of her old Love Island bikinis . . .

MAURA'S A THRILLA AS NEW CILLA

HISTORIC . . . Parnham House is widely regarded as one of Dorset's oldest and most important houses

FROM KEVIN McCLOUD's Grand Designs to GEORGE CLARKE's Amazing Spaces, Channel 4 is the home of renovation shows.

Now producers are working on a documentary that depicts one of the most ambitious and unusual restoration projects they've ever shown.

C4, which is unveiling a string of shows at this year's Edinburgh TV Festival, has just commissioned A Manor Reborn: Saving Parnham, which features "rave king" **JAMES PERKINS**.

It will follow the music mogul as he restores grand Parnham House in Dorset.

So far, Perkins and his wife Sophie have opened a restaurant on the site – which is recognised in the Michelin Guide – and are offering breaks in the restored West Wing or a cottage in the grounds.

But the couple will be seen juggling the desire to create a lavish bolthole with the demands of heritage chiefs keen to preserve the property's character.

Perkins will also face objections from local residents as well as environmental experts' claims the work could destroy the habitat of an albino badger called Alberto, who lives in the surrounding Parnham Park.

A TV insider said: "This is one of the biggest renovation shows C4 has ever made. Perkins isn't your typical 'Lord of the Manor' so he's likely to adopt a unique approach to the house's renovation.

"He's certainly got the millions to make it happen – and he'll need it, as the house's turbulent history means he will have his work cut out."

Perkins, who made his fortune hosting parties and founded the Fantazia rave organisation in 1991, bought the Grade I listed property with Sophie back in 2020.

The couple paid £2.5million for the house three years after it had been gutted by a fire.

The scaffolding bill alone to keep the property standing has already topped £1.7million.

But once complete, the property – set in 139 acres of parkland – could be a haven for the rich and famous.

NOEL GALLAGHER, **KATE MOSS**, **MADONNA** and **BONO** are among the stars who attended lavish gatherings at Perkins' former property, Aynhoe Park.

The wild parties at the stately home in Oxfordshire cemented his reputation as the "rave king".

LOTS TO RAVE ABOUT . . . James Perkins and his wife Sophie have landed their own TV show

LINEKER IS KEANE ON ROY

GARY LINEKER says he has another football pundit he really wants to poach for his Netflix show – the legend that is ROY KEANE.

The host of The Rest Is Football said he'd love to bring the fiery Irish star across, just as he has done with MICAH RICHARDS and ALAN SHEARER.

PLAN . . . Gary

Gary made the revelation while being quizzed by Netflix director, Adam Hawkins.

He was also asked whether – at the landmark age of 65 – he would consider writing an autobiography, like many of his footballing peers did years ago.

But Gary responded with a definite "No" – and said he couldn't be bothered to traipse up and down the country signing copies of the book in shops.

Guess we shouldn't hold our breath for that one, but poaching Keane might be a possibility . . .

JONATHAN ROSS's Handcuffed will be returning for a second series, Channel 4 has revealed. The reality show sees people from very different backgrounds and with wildly opposing views, "shackled" together to see if they can find any common ground – or if sparks will fly.

AMELIA BEEB DRAMA

CHICKEN Shop Date star AMELIA DIMOLDENBERG is developing a new drama for the BBC which has echoes of cult Channel 4 show, Skins.

HOPEFUL . . . Amelia

While it isn't a done deal, she says she intends to "will it into existence" – which isn't an empty promise as that's how she got Chicken Shop Date made, as well as her upcoming Amazon rom-com.

Amelia also revealed she is keen to interview TIMOTHEE CHALAMET on her online show, but will steer clear of Harry and Meghan.

She says: "I'm going to stand firm on my 'no royal' policy."

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WORKS LIKE A CHARM

SKY picked the opening day of the TV event to announce the impressive casting for new sexy thriller, Charmer.

News of the show and its lead star, ANTHONY BOYLE, leaked earlier this year, but now the rest of the line-up has been released.

It includes Sex Education's CONNOR SWINDELLS, Babygirl star SOPHIE WILDE and Line Of Duty legend POLLY WALKER.

STAR . . . Polly

It follows an ambitious group of thirty-something Londoners whose lives are turned upside-down by Ryan, played by Anthony, who is a seducer-for-hire employed to test the fidelity of his rich clients' partners.

The actor has previously said: "I'm thrilled to come on board."

I bet he is.

CHANNEL 5 today announces its latest documentary – a deep dive on the financial scandal which involved former Scotland's First Minister **NICOLA STURGEON**'s ex-husband **PETER MURRELL** being jailed.

GLIMPSE OF THE ROONEYS

ONE of the most talked about shows is upcoming fly-on-the-wall series, The Real Rooneys.

And at today's Disney+ showcase, attendees will get the first glimpse ahead of its release, expected at the end of next month.

It features COLEEN ROONEY juggling her business with being a parent, while WAYNE ROONEY carves out a new career as TV pundit.

The streaming giant is expected to drop the series at the end of September or early October.

The buzz around the first look is similar to when Disney+ debuted the trailer for Coleen's big 2023 documentary, The Real Wagatha Story.

And there'll be one question on everyone's lips: does it look better than ITV's The Vardys?

Wednesday

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FREEVIEW

BBC THREE freeview 23

7pm The Catch Up **7.05** Deadly 60 **7.30 FILM** Paddington. Family comedy starring Hugh Bonneville. (2014) **9.00** Top Gear **10.00** Guy Montgomery's Guy Mont-Spelling Bee Australia **11.35pm-2.10am** The Young Offenders

BBC FOUR freeview 9

7pm Villages By The Sea **7.30** Canal Boat Diaries **8.00** Rome: A History Of The Eternal City **9.00** Mary Beard's Ultimate Rome: Empire Without Limit **10.00** I, Claudius **11.50** The Australian Wars **12.50** Canal Boat Diaries **1.20-2.20am** Rome: A History Of The Eternal City

ITV2 freeview 6

6am Backyard Builds **6.30** Dress To Impress **7.30** The Real Housewives Of Potomac **8.20** The Real Housewives Of Beverly Hills **9.15** The Only Way Is Essex **10.15** Dawson's Creek **11.10** Charmed **12.10** Deal Or No Deal **1.10** Celebrity Supermarket Sweep **2.10** Wheel Of Fortune **3.10** The Only Way Is Essex **4.10** The Real Housewives Of Potomac **5.00** The Real Housewives Of Beverly Hills **6.00** Celebrity Catchphrase **7.00** Wheel Of Fortune **8.00** The 1% Club Rollover. Lee Mack hosts a special edition of the quiz in which the prize pot that is not won on one show is carried over to the next day's edition, meaning a potential jackpot of £500,000. **9.00** Family Guy **11.35** American Dad! **12.35** Bob's Burgers **1.30-2am** G'wed

ITV3 freeview 10

6am George And Mildred **7.05** Classic Emmerdale **8.05** Classic Coronation Street **9.10** Poirot **11.30** Heartbeat **1.35** Midsomer Murders **3.35** Classic Emmerdale **4.40** Classic Coronation Street **5.50** Heartbeat **8.00** Midsomer Murders. When the launch of a new sculpture park is marred by murder, the detectives have to get creative as they investigate a case where everything has a deeper meaning. **10.00** Lewis **11.50pm-2am** Inspector Morse

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6am Magnum, PI **8.05** Robin Of Sherwood **9.10** Boon **10.15** The Professionals **11.25** Robin Of Sherwood **12.25** Magnum, PI **2.35** The Memoirs Of Sherlock Holmes **3.45** Boon **4.50** The Professionals **5.55** Minder **7.00** Target Sports Stars Fishing Championship **9.00** River Monsters **9.30 FILM** Universal Soldier. Sci-fi thriller starring Jean-Claude Van Damme. (1992) **11.35** Ligue 1 Highlights **12.05** EFL Carabao Cup Highlights **1.20-2.10am** Benidorm

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6am Hollyoaks **6.55** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **7.00** Couples Come Dine With Me **8.00** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **10.00** America's Funniest Home Videos **11.00** Below Deck: Mediterranean **12.00** The Simpsons **2.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **3.00** Modern Family **5.00** The Simpsons **7.00** Hollyoaks **7.30** The Simpsons **8.00** Ladies Of London: The New Reign **9.00** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **10.00** Gogglebox **11.00** First Dates **12.05** Naked Attraction **1.10-2.10am** Gogglebox

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8.55am Find It, Fix It, Flog It **10.00** Four In A Bed **12.40** Come Dine With Me **3.20** Four In A Bed **5.50** Car S.O.S **7.55** Grand Designs **9.00** The Roman Empire By Train With Alice Roberts **10.00** 24 Hours In A&E **12.10** 999: On The Front Line **1.15-2.20am** 24 Hours In A&E

OFFICE RELATIONSHIP . . . David, *left*, and Joe, *right*, with Ricky

JOE & DAVID'S MAGICAL SITCOM TOUR

U&Gold

IN an era where broadcasters increasingly look to young social media stars to "front content", it's refreshing to see 50-somethings given a shot.

Comedians Joe Wilkinson and David Earl created sitcoms Rovers and The Cockfields, and co-host podcast Chatabix, but had never presented a TV series together until they pitched this gem to U&Gold.

The pair are sitcom nerds, fascinated by every aspect of their favourite comedies, which they explore in this three-part series focusing on Porridge, Fawlty Towers and, lastly, The Office, when they manage to rope in Ricky Gervais for a chat.

They delve into the locations of the sitcoms, visiting the real-life streets, buildings and industrial estates used in filming, as well as the opening credits, and attempt to recreate them in modern form.

The latter proved difficult for The Office episode, as the Teddington site which housed the Wernham Hogg set has been bulldozed and replaced by snazzy apartments, but that didn't stop Joe and David estimating where Tim and Dawn's flirting took place, using a balloon on a string as a marker between two flats.

Part of the pair's mission is also to get their hands on genuine props. They are presented with David Brent's answer machine, containing a tape featuring an original voice message from Finchy, plus Wernham Hogg's desk bell, which now sits on Gervais's desk at home.

Ricky, who worked with Joe

SKY MIX freeview 11

7am Border Security: America's Front Line **8.00** Border Patrol **9.00** Nothing To Declare **11.00** Border Security: America's Front Line **12.00** Caught On Dashcam **1.00** Police 24/7 **2.00** Nothing To Declare **4.00** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine **5.00** Stargate SG-1 **6.00** Stargate Universe **7.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation **8.00** Hawaii Five-0 **9.00** FBI: Most Wanted **10.00** The Rookie **11.00** Grimm **12.00** Wynonna Earp **1.00-2am** Police 24/7

BBC Three 7.30pm Ben Whishaw provides the voice of Paddington

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7.25am Top Gear **8.20** Border Force: America's Gatekeepers **10.20** Rick Stein's India **11.20** Yukon Gold **12.20** Top Gear **2.20** Mortimer & Whitehouse: Gone Fishing **3.00** Guy's Garage **4.00** Hairy Bikers' Best Of British **5.00** Rick Stein's India **7.00** Mortimer & Whitehouse: Gone Fishing **7.40** Would I Lie To You? **9.00** QI XL **10.00** Have I Got A Bit More News For You **11.00** Taskmaster **12.00** Mock The Week **12.40-2am** Would I Lie To You?

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7.15am The Bill **8.10** Doctors **9.20** Classic Holby City **10.40** Casualty **11.40** The Bill **12.40** Classic EastEnders **2.00** Classic Neighbours **3.05** Whitstable Pearl **4.10** Kingdom **5.15** As Time Goes By **6.00** Last Of The Summer Wine **8.00** The Chelsea Detective **10.05** New Tricks **11.25** Luther **12.40** Lovejoy **1.50-2.50am** Sister Boniface Mysteries

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6am Fantasy Homes By The Sea **7.00** Teleshopping **8.00** Escape To The Country **9.00** Salvage Hunters **12.00** The Yorkshire Auction House **2.00** The Repair Shop **3.00** Salvage Hunters **5.00** Long Lost Family **6.00** The Repair Shop: NHS Special **7.00** The Yorkshire Auction House **8.00** Antiques Road Trip **9.00** Long Lost Family: False Identities Special **10.00** Who Do You Think You Are? **11pm-2am** Help! My House Is Haunted

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6.10am Abandoned Engineering **8.00** Bangers & Cash **10.00** Secret Nazi Bases **11.00** The World At War **12.00** Antiques Roadshow **2.00** Bangers & Cash **4.00** Secret Nazi Bases **5.00** The World At War **6.00** Antiques Roadshow **7.00** The Blue Planet **8.00** Michael Palin: Travels Of A Lifetime **9.00** Explore **10.00** Bangers & Cash **1.00-2am** Find It, Fix It, Flog It

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6.15am Property Brothers: Forever Homes **7.00** Tipping Point **10.00** DIY SOS: Homes For Veterans **11.00** DIY SOS: The Big Build **1.00** Tipping Point **4.00** Property Brothers: Forever Homes **5.00** DIY SOS: Homes For Veterans **6.00** DIY SOS: The Big Build **7.00** MasterChef Australia **8.10** Pete Wicks: For Dogs' Sake **9.10** Signora Volpe. Sylvia is abducted by an adversary from her past, and Riva and Sylvia's family are forced to heal long-standing grudges. **11.10** Missing Persons Investigation **1.20-3am** Sort Your Life Out With Stacey Solomon

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6am Salvage Hunters: The Restorers **7.00** Salvage Hunters **9.00** Aussie Gold Hunters **11.00** Outback Opal Hunters **1.00** The Repair Shop **2.00** Shed And Buried **3.00** Shed And Buried: Classic Cars **4.00** Find It, Fix It, Flog It **5.00** The Yorkshire Auction House **7.00** Antiques Road Trip **8.00** The Yorkshire Auction House **10.00** The Repair Shop **11.00** How Do They Do It? **1.00-2am** Salvage Hunters

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8.30am Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em **9.05** You Rang, M'Lord? **10.10** Bread **10.45** Steptoe And Son **11.25** Oh, Doctor Beeching! **11.55** Rising Damp **12.25** Man About The House **12.55** Goodnight Sweetheart **1.35** When The Boat Comes In **2.40** Minder **3.45** Just Good Friends **4.25** Man About The House **4.55** Bread **5.30** Birds Of A Feather **6.00** That's 60s: Best Music Live! **6.05** Rising Damp **6.35** Steptoe And Son **7.15** Whatever Happened To The Likely Lads? **7.55** Minder **9.00** Benidorm **9.55** Shameless **10.55** Man About The House **11.25** Mind Your Language **11.55** Benidorm **12.50** Minder **1.55-2.25am** Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em

SPORT

Sky Sports Main Event 4pm Andrea Vavassori competes in US Open Tennis

SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT

6am LIVE Tennis. The ATP Winston-Salem Open and WTA Monterrey Open. **6.30** Sky Sports News **7.00** Sky Sports Breakfast **9.00** Good Morning Transfers **10.00** Sky Sports FC **12.00** Transfer Talk **1.00** Lunchtime **2.00** Sports Desk **4.00** LIVE US Open Tennis. Coverage of day three of the qualifying event for the Grand Slam. **7.00** LIVE EFL Cup. Preston North End v Everton. Kick-off at 8.00. **10.45** LIVE Tennis. Coverage from the WTA and/or ATP Tours. **12.00** LIVE US Open Tennis. Coverage of day two of the mixed doubles competition. **4.00-6am** LIVE Tennis

SKY SPORTS PREMIER LEAGUE

6am PL Greatest Games **7.00** Premier League Best Goals **8.00** PL Review **9.00** Good Morning Transfers **10.00** Sky Sports FC **12.00** Transfer Talk **1.00** PL Review **2.00** PL Years **4.00** PL Review **5.00** The Premier League Show **7.00** The Transfer Show **8.00** Premier League Stories **8.30** Netbusters **9.00** PL Review **10.00** Premier League Stories **10.30** Netbusters **11pm-1am** PL Years

SKY SPORTS FOOTBALL

9.30am EFL Greatest Games **10.00** EFL Cup Highlights **11.00** EFL Cup **1.00** EFL Greatest Games **1.15** SPFL Highlights **1.45** EFL Highlights **2.30** Bundesliga Preview **3.30** EFL League One Goals **4.00** EFL League Two Goals **4.30** EFL Cup Highlights **5.00** EFL Highlights **6.30** EFL Cup Highlights **7.00** LIVE EFL Cup. Preston North End v Everton. Kick-off at 8.00. **10.45** EFL Cup Highlights **11.15** EFL Highlights **12.00-1am** EFL Cup Highlights

SKY SPORTS ACTION

6am Betfred Super League **11.15** NBA On Fire **11.45** Betfred Super League Highlights **12.00** NFL Highlights **1.00** Good Morning Football **3.00** NFL Highlights **4.00** Betfred Super League Highlights **5.00** NFL Highlights **6.00** NBC's Pro-Football Talk **8.00** NBA Basketball **10.00** NBA On Fire **10.30** NFL Bitesize Highlights **11.00** NFL Highlights **12.00** The Insiders **1.00** NFL Highlights **3.00-5.30am** LIVE WNBA. Seattle Storm v Toronto Tempo.

SKY SPORTS +

6am LIVE Tennis. The ATP Winston-Salem Open and WTA Monterrey Open. **6.30** Sky Sports News **7.00** Sky Sports Breakfast **8.00** Betfred Super League **10.45** My Icon: Nigel Owens **11.00** Sky Sports FC **12.00** Transfer Talk **1.00** Lunchtime **2.00** Sports Desk **4.00** LIVE US Open Tennis. Coverage of day three of the qualifying event for the Grand Slam. **7.00** LIVE EFL Cup. Newcastle United v West Bromwich Albion. Kick-off at 7.45. Coverage of the second-round match at St James' Park. **10.45** LIVE Tennis. The ATP Winston-Salem Open and WTA Monterrey Open. Coverage of the ATP 250 and WTA 500 events. **4.00-6am** LIVE Tennis. The Monterrey Open. Coverage of day four of the WTA 500 event, a hard-court tournament at Club Sonoma in Monterrey, Mexico.

SKY SPORTS CRICKET

6am International T20 Cricket **8.30** Women's ICC World T20 Cricket **10.00** Test Cricket **1.00** Jimmy Anderson's Final Farewell **2.15** Jimmy Anderson's Greatest Spells **3.00** Women's ICC World T20 Cricket **3.30** Nepal Climbing Cricket's Mountain **4.00** Test Cricket **7.00** The Film Room: England V India **9.00** Nepal Climbing Cricket's Mountain **9.30** Women's ICC World T20 Cricket **10.00** International T20 Cricket **12.30-2am** Women's ICC World T20 Cricket

SKY SPORTS GOLF

6am Ladies European Tour Golf **3.00** US Amateur Golf **5.00** Tommy 25 **5.30** DP World Tour Golf **6.00** PGA Tour Champions **7.00** PGA Tour: The Cut **7.30** HotelPlanner Tour Golf Highlights **8.00** Ladies European Tour Golf **9.00** Tommy 25 **9.30** PGA Tour Golf **10.30** DP World Tour Golf **11.00** PGA Tour: The Cut **11.30** HotelPlanner Tour Golf Highlights **12.00-2am** DP World Tour Golf

ENTERTAINMENT

Sky Atlantic 11.05pm Jeevan and Kirsten survive winter alone in Station Eleven

SKY ONE

6am Mornings **7.00** Mornings With Ridge And Frost **8.00** Stargate SG-1 **10.00** La Brea **11.00** The Simpsons **12.00** Africa's Hunters **1.00** Hawaii Five-0 **3.00** S.W.A.T **5.00** The Simpsons **6.00** Rob & Romesh Vs Ballet **7.00** The Simpsons **8.00** Surviving Earth. A look at the end of the Carnian pluvial episode and its aftermath, following a hatchling who grows to be a leader of her herd, helping ensure the survival for future generations. **9.00 FILM** The Expendables. Action thriller, directed by and starring Sylvester Stallone. (2010) **11.00** Grimm. A prison escapee comes looking for revenge. **12.00** Evil **1.00-2am** The Force: North East

SKY ATLANTIC

6am Urban Secrets **8.00** Billions **10.15** House Of The Dragon **12.40** Homicide: Life On The Street **2.30** Billions **4.40** The White Lotus **6.45** House Of The Dragon **9.00** The Terror: Devil In Silver. After unwittingly assaulting plainclothes police officers during a fight, Pepper finds himself in a psychiatric hospital. Supernatural horror, starring Dan Stevens. **10.05** The Terror: Devil In Silver. Pepper meets his roommate Coffee, hears weird sounds in the ceiling, is visited by a bloody former inhabitant of New Hyde and attacked by a mysterious entity. **11.05** Station Eleven **1.10-2am** Possession

SKY WITNESS

6am Sun, Sea And A&E **7.00** Border Patrol **8.00** UK Border Force **9.00** The Force: Manchester **10.00** Motorway Patrol **10.30** Caught Red Handed **12.00** FBI **2.00** The Rookie **3.00** Law & Order: Criminal Intent **4.00** Nothing To Declare **8.00** Caught On Dashcam. Road disasters captured on video by drivers' dashboard cameras. **9.00** Fire Country. A turf war between Station 42 and Drake County comes to a head. **10.00** FBI: International. Vo goes undercover. **11.00** The Rookie **12.00-2am** FBI

U&GOLD

7.25am Don't Wait Up **7.55** Ever Decreasing Circles **8.30** Porridge **9.10** The Green Green Grass **9.50** Are You Being Served? **10.30** Last Of The Summer Wine **11.40** Ever Decreasing Circles **12.20** Porridge **1.00** Keeping Up Appearances **1.40** Dad's Army **2.20** The Green Green Grass **3.00** Are You Being Served? **3.40** Ever Decreasing Circles **4.20** Dad's Army **5.00** Last Of The Summer Wine **6.20** Keeping Up Appearances **7.00** Porridge. Fletch sorts out Godber's love life. **7.40** Dad's Army. Captain Mainwaring's men acquire a boat. **8.20** Are You Being Served? Captain Peacock has suspicions about his wife. **9.00** Fawlty Towers. Basil goes to great lengths to prove a guest has smuggled a woman into his room. **9.45** The Office. Passions run high at the annual quiz. **10.25** Not Going Out. Lucy's first love reappears on the scene. **11.00** Mrs Brown's Boys **11.45** Fawlty Towers **12.30** The Office **1.10** Not Going Out **1.50-2.25am** Mrs Brown's Boys

COMEDY CENTRAL

8am The Upper Hand **9.00** Everybody Loves Raymond **11.00** Sabrina The Teenage Witch **1.00** Friends **9.00** Michael McIntyre's Big Show. An evening of entertainment. Rylan hand over his phone in Send to All, and there is music from Joel Corry and Tom Grennan. **10.00** 8 Out Of 10 Cats Uncut **11.40** Whose Line Is It Anyway? USA **12.40-2.10am** South Park

U&ALIBI

7.10am Murdoch Mysteries **9.00** Shakespeare & Hathaway: Private Investigators **10.00** The Mentalist **11.00** Hudson & Rex **12.00** Body Of Proof **1.00** Return To Paradise **2.00** Murdoch Mysteries **4.00** The Mentalist **5.00** Hudson & Rex **6.00** Body Of Proof **7.00** Private Eyes. Angie's college roommate calls for help when a bottle of wine is stolen. Comedy, starring Jason Priestley and Cindy Sampson.**8.00** Bookish **10.30** Return To Paradise. A man is killed shortly after advising Mackenzie that many lives are in danger. **11.35** Private Eyes **12.35** Shakespeare & Hathaway: Private Investigators **1.35-2.25am** Hudson & Rex

SKY COMEDY

8am Will & Grace **9.00** Sort Of **10.00** Avenue 5 **11.20** Will & Grace **12.20** Upright **1.40** Avenue 5 **3.00** Will & Grace **4.00** Two Weeks To Live **5.00** Community **6.00** Will & Grace **7.00** The US Office **8.00** Animal Control **9.00** Last Week Tonight With John Oliver. A satirical look at the past seven days. **9.45** Chris Fleming: Live At The Palace. From the Cadillac Palace Theatre in Chicago, comedian Chris Fleming bursts onto the screen with a blend of storytelling and wild physicality in his first HBO stand-up special. **11.15** Two Weeks To Live **12.15** Animal Control **1.15-2.15am** Community

DISCOVERY

6am How It's Made **7.00** The Aquarium **9.00** Gold Rush **11.00** Building Off The Grid **1.00** Dr Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet **3.00** How It's Made **5.00** Alaska: Homestead Rescue **7.00** Wheeler Dealers **10.00** Mighty Truckers. Being a truck driver isn't easy: long hours and busy roads are just some of the issues they face. Truckers share their journeys. **11.00** Expedition X **12.00** Deadliest Catch **1.00-2am** Wheeler Dealers

RADIO

TalkSport 10am Jim White And Simon Jordan (above) host the show

VIRGIN RADIO DAB virginradio.co.uk

6.30am Chris Evans Breakfast Show **10.00** Emma B **2.00** Ben Jones **6.00** Will MacDonald **10.00** Goldierocks **2.00-6.30am** Steve Denyer

TALKRADIO DAB talkradio.co.uk

6am Jeremy Kyle **10.00** Julia Hartley Brewer **1.00** Ian Collins **4.00** Kevin O'Sullivan **7.00** Peter Cardwell **10.00** Petrie Hosken **1.00** Paul Ross **5.00-6am** Through The Papers

TALKSPORT 1053, 1089MW talksport.com

6am Alan Brazil **10.00** Jim White And Simon Jordan **1.00** Max Rushden & Charlie Baker **4.00** Drive **7.00** Kick Off **10.00** The Sports Bar **1.00** Paul Ross **5.00-6am** Early Sports Breakfast

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and David on After Life and Derek, also shows the pair his drawing for the Cuban heels he wanted Brent to wear, plus a note written in 1995 about an idea for a boss, which he thinks is his first mention of a comedy about a desperate desk-based people-pleaser.

The Office episode leaves David feeling emotional as he credits the series for inspiring him to pursue a career in comedy, having spent a large part of his early working life as a gardener and van driver.

This cosy three-parter should do enough to earn a second series, with countless other sitcoms ready to explore.

ROD McPHEE

SEANCE . . . Mark Gatiss as Gabriel

Sun tv picks

BOOKISH, U&Alibi, 8pm: Mark Gatiss returns with a second helping of his delightful period murder mystery series, bringing plenty of vintage charm, sharp wit, and brilliant guest stars.

This opener sees Jason Watkins hamming it up as Harold Sneed, an insufferably vain medium with a penchant for very theatrical seances.

Whether Sneed's messages from beyond the grave carry any truth is debatable, but erudite sleuth Gabriel Book (Gatiss) wastes no time tearing the fraudster's claims to shreds when somebody winds up dead at one of his events.

All those involved in the seance then, naturally, become suspects. A stylish, wonderfully entertaining return for the literary detective.

LOVE IT OR LIST IT: BRILLIANT BUILDS, Channel 4, 8pm: Kirstie Allsopp and Phil Spencer are back to help more desperate families stuck in property limbo.

First up are Sarah and Sean from Whitley Bay, Tyne and Wear, who were raidsing a family of seven in a Victorian house which, while it had six bedrooms, had only a tiny kitchen and a single bathroom.

Kirstie happily admits she would do practically anything to avoid sharing a toilet with six people.

In Herts, Stevenage couple Steven and Adeola are at odds over a dysfunctional new-build.

Kirstie marvels at what she calls one of their most spectacular kitchen redesigns ever, but will it be enough to stop them putting up a for sale sign?

THE MURDER DETECTIVE, Channel 4, 9pm: This hard-hitting true-crime documentary examines the complex police operation following the death of journalist Lyra McKee, shot during a riot in Derry in April 2019. Lead officer Jason Murphy faces an uphill battle to track down a masked shooter who seemingly vanished into thin air.

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THE GREAT WALL OF CHINA WITH DAN SNOW, C5, 9pm: Historian Dan embarks on an epic trek bringing insight about the structure begun almost 3,000 years ago, with the most familiar sections added in the Ming Dynasty, some 550 years ago.

Travelling from eastern coastal waters to western deserts, he iunearths fascinating tales.

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1.30pm LIVE Cycling: La Vuelta Men. Stage five of the Grand Tour race, a hilly 173.4km route from Falset to Roquetes. **5.00** MLB Highlights **6.00** TNT Sports Reload **6.30** Serie A – Full Impact **7.00** Groundbreaking **7.15** The Breakdown **8.00** LIVE UEFA Champions League. Lyon v Fenerbahce. Kick-off at 8.00. Coverage of the play-off round second-leg match. **10.00** Discovery Golf **10.30** Test Cricket Highlights **11.30** LIVE CPL. Trinbago Knight Riders v Saint Lucia Kings. **5.15am-1.30pm** LIVE Test Cricket. Sri Lanka v India.

TNT SPORTS 2

6am Cycling **7.00** LIVE Snooker Wuhan Open. Coverage of the first session from round three of the tournament. **10.00** UEFA Champions League **12.00** UCI Mountain Bike World Series Review **12.30** LIVE Snooker Wuhan Open. Coverage of the second session from round three of the tournament. **3.30** CPL Highlights **4.00** Premier League **5.30** Premier League Reload **5.45** Cycling **6.00** UEFA Champions League **8.00** LIVE UEFA Champions League. Viking v Dinamo Zagreb. Kick-off at 8.00. **10.00** Cycling **11.00** Snooker Wuhan Open **1.00** TNT Sports Reload **1.15** UCI Mountain Bike World Series Review **1.45-2am** Cycling

TNT SPORTS 3

6am UEFA Champions League **8.00** Serie A **10.00** NWSL **12.00** The WRC Magazine **12.30** Cycling **1.30** LIVE Cycling: La Vuelta Men. Coverage of stage five of the Grand Tour race. **5.00** Rolex SailGP Championship **6.00** LIV Golf **7.00** MLB Plays of the Week **7.30** MLB Highlights **8.30** LIVE MLB. Arizona Diamondbacks v Chicago Cubs. Start-time at 8.40. **11.30** MLB Plays of the Week **12.00** UFC: The Ultimate Fighter **1.00-5am** UEFA Champions League

PREMIER SPORTS 1

6am Mass Participation **7.00** DTM Motorsport Highlights **8.00** Surfing **9.00** Brasileiro Serie A **11.00** French Rugby Union **11.30** LaLiga Highlights **1.00** NASCAR Highlights **2.00** Scottish Rally Championship **2.30** Surfing **3.30** LaLiga **7.30** KOTV Weekly **8.00** NASCAR Highlights **9.00** Scottish Football Social Club **10.10** LaLiga Highlights **10.30** French Rugby Union **10.45** LaLiga Highlights **11pm-3am** LaLiga

TALKSPORT2 *DAB talksport.com*

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6am Kate McCann And Calum Macdonald **10.00** Hugo Rifkind **1.00** The Times At One: With Daniel Finkelstein **2.00** Jane Garvey **4.00** John Pienaar **7.00** The Evening Edition With Kait Borsay **10.00** Neil Breakwell **1.00** The Best Of Times Radio **5.00-6am** James Kitchin

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RADIO 2 *88-91FM bbc.co.uk/radio2*

6.30am Radio 2 Breakfast Show **9.30** Mark Goodier **12.00** Tina Daheley **2.00** DJ Spoony **4.00** Jason Manford **7.00** Jo Whiley **9.00** The Folk Show With Mark Radcliffe **10.00** Melvin Odoom **12.00** OJ Borg **3.00** Alternative Sounds Of The 90s **4.00-6.30am** Owain Wyn Evans

MOVIES

Sky Cinema Premiere 6.15pm Radha Mitchell heads the cast of Seven Snipers

SKY CINEMA PREMIERE

8.25am Looney Tunes: The Day The Earth Blew Up (PG, 2024) ★★★ **10.05 Twinless** (15, 2025) ★★★★ **11.50 Five Nights At Freddy's 2** (15, 2025) ★★★ **1.45 Hamnet** (12, 2025) ★★★★ **4.00 Song Sung Blue** (12, 2025) ★★★★ **6.15 Seven Snipers** (15, 2026) ★★★ **8.00 Normal** (15, 2026) ★★★★ **9.45 Five Nights At Freddy's 2** (15, 2025) ★★★ **11.35 Heretic** (15, 2024) ★★★★ **1.30-3.05am Seven Snipers** (15, 2026) ★★★

SKY CINEMA ANIMATION

8.10am The Swan Princess: The Secret Of The Castle (U, 1997) ★★ **9.25 Fantastic Mr Fox** (PG, 2009) ★★★★ **10.55 Playmobil: The Movie** (U, 2019) ★★★ **12.40 The LEGO Movie** (U, 2014) ★★★★ **2.25 Shark Tale** (U, 2004) ★★★★ **4.00 Smallfoot** (PG, 2018) ★★★★ **5.40 Epic Tails** (U, 2022) ★★★ **7.30 The Boss Baby** (U, 2017) ★★★★ **9.10 Antz** (PG, 1998) ★★★★★ **10.35 Hotel Transylvania** (U, 2012) ★★★★ **12.10-1.45am Hotel Transylvania 2** (U, 2015) ★★★

SKY CINEMA ACTION

8.10am 300 (15, 2006) ★★★★ **10.15 Blood For Dust** (18, 2023) ★★★ **12.00 Homefront** (15, 2013) ★★ **1.55 Kraven The Hunter** (15, 2024) ★★★ **4.10 Bumblebee** (PG, 2018) ★★★★ **6.15 Normal** (15, 2026) ★★★★ **8.00 First Blood** (15, 1982) ★★★ **9.45 Rambo: First Blood Part II** (15, 1985) ★★★ **11.30-3am The Lord Of The Rings: The Return Of The King** (12, 2003) ★★★★★

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Painful truth of my festival fling

Dear Deidre

FINDING out the truth about my passionate festival fling has crushed me. My carefree weekend with a gorgeous woman has soured since I learned she has a boyfriend and a baby.

My head is a total mess.

I am 21 and I haven't had a girlfriend since I was 18. The last few years have been hard because my home life has been heavy.

My dad has been having serious mental health problems which meant I had zero social life for a long time.

When a mate invited me to a festival for the weekend, I jumped at the chance to finally get away and chill.

The trip was awesome, and got even better when I met this gorgeous 20-year-old woman. I was instantly blown away by her.

As the weekend went on, she was hanging around me constantly, and it was obvious she was into talking to me. On the last night, she got really close, kissed me, and asked if she could stay in my tent. It was pretty cramped and we kept getting tangled in the sleeping bags, but it was the most passionate sex I've ever had.

We swapped numbers before leaving and were texting non-stop.

I couldn't wait to see her again, even though I was stressing that I'd rushed into things and maybe ruined any chance of making this a proper relationship instead of a one-night thing. Then my mate dropped a bombshell last night that she has a boyfriend and a baby girl of a year and a half. I'm totally gutted.

I thought we had something special going on, but now I'm sitting here with no idea what I'm supposed to do next.

■ DEIDRE SAYS: You weren't to know, but making mistakes is often how we learn, rather than getting everything right the first time.

You need to break off all contact with this woman. Continuing to see her risks getting into a messy love triangle, which isn't fair to her innocent daughter.

While it's hugely disappointing that she isn't free to pursue a relationship with you, reflect on what you've learned about yourself.

This experience proved that you are genuinely attractive, passionate, and great company. You also know now to take things a little more steadily with someone new before diving in headfirst.

Stop wasting your time and energy on regret. Even with family problems, keep your social life going so that you can meet new people who are available.

My support pack Widening Your Social Scene has ideas to get you started.

dear deidre

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LIVE Chat

I WORRY EX HAS TURNED DAUGHTER AGAINST ME

Dear Deidre

EVER since my ex and I went through a bitter separation, staying involved in my children's lives has felt like a constant struggle.

I am their 43-year-old dad. I want to be a good father to my daughters, aged 17 and 14, but their mum continuously blocks my access using one excuse after another.

Despite this, I make sure both girls receive generous amounts of money for their birthdays and Christmas. My youngest always sends a quick text to say thanks, which I really appreciate.

My eldest, on the other hand, has completely ignored me for five years without a single response or a word of thanks. I am convinced her mum has been influencing her against me.

Being treated like this after years of trying to do the right thing makes me feel hurt and frustrated. It has now reached the stage where I am tempted to send her less money or even none at all.

■ DEIDRE SAYS: Cutting back on gifts could be something you come to regret, especially since your daughter is not to blame for her mum's influence.

Talk to her and explain that a simple acknowledgment of your gifts is basic good manners.

Reassure her that while you understand her loyalty to her mum, you are still her dad and genuinely want a relationship with her.

For support please get in touch with bothparentsmatter.org.uk (0300 0300 363), who will understand the issue.

IT'S TOO DIFFICULT TO MAKE CHOICES

Dear Deidre

MAKING a decision about anything, no matter how big or small, is impossible. It makes me feel like an idiot.

I am a 23-year-old woman. I am still in the exact same job I started when I left school when I was 18.

Every time a chance for a promotion comes up, or a new job catches my interest, I end up with huge doubts.

I go through the pros and cons constantly, and even when my gut instinct says go for it, I just can't decide. I have let so many opportunities go.

It isn't just the job thing either, it affects my daily life. I waste so much time every morning, staring at my wardrobe trying to decide what to wear and then whatever I choose, I feel it is the wrong choice.

I feel overwhelmed by the fear of making the wrong choice. How can someone like me stop this cycle?

■ DEIDRE SAYS: Indecision isn't genetic but it is a habit learned over time from your parents. Think back to your childhood. Did your parents constantly make you feel as though every choice you made was wrong and criticised you for it?

When your opinions are repeatedly dismissed or ignored, it affects your self-belief so you can't trust your own judgment as an adult.

My pack, Raising Self-esteem, will help you build up positive feelings about yourself so you become confident about making decisions more easily.

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JENNA'S IMPOSSIBLE SECRET: DAY 3

Clothes by Boohoo and BoohooMAN

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hot topic

MALE menopause, or andropause, can bring a range of physical and emotional changes that may leave you wondering why you don't feel yourself.

As testosterone levels decline with age, some men experience tiredness, mood changes, irritability, difficulty concentrating, or a reduced interest in sex.

These symptoms can be frustrating, particularly when you're unsure what's causing them.

If you're finding the shifts difficult, my support pack Male Menopause can help.

SO DEVASTATED BY WIFE'S AFFAIR

Dear Deidre

A GUY my wife works with has suddenly contacted me to tell me she was having an affair with him, right up to the week before our wedding.

I am devastated.

I am 27 and my wife is 25. We had been engaged for a few months when she told me she had to take on a weekend shift at work to help cover for a project that was running behind schedule.

I admit I wasn't thrilled about her working those extra weekend hours, but I trusted her completely and didn't want to get in the way of her job.

Everything seemed great between us, and we got married four months ago. This colleague says that they first had sex during one of those late weekend shifts at their office, and the affair then developed from there.

He was even in our bed while I was away with my mates for my stag weekend. She apparently tried to end it a few times, but kept giving in.

I had no idea she was leading a double life.

I am in pieces. I don't know how I am meant to get past the betrayal.

■ DEIDRE SAYS: Has it occurred to you that this colleague only confessed in the hope of wrecking your marriage, so he can have your wife for himself?

Remember that she chose to marry you, but if you walk away now, he wins.

If you both still love each other and she feels genuinely sorry for the affair, trust can eventually be rebuilt.

You must insist, however, that she works hard to prove she is sincere.

Looking closely at your relationship to see what was missing from your relationship on both sides will be a good start.

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The vibe was flirty as the booze flowed at my neighbour's bash, then people started to disappear upstairs. I now realised what I was in for . . .

MIXING THINGS UP . . . swapping partners is a popular pastime

SCHOOL MUM'S BIRTHDAY BASH TURNED OUT TO BE A PARTY FOR SWINGERS

RELAXING on the plush velvet sofa, I was careful not to spill my third glass of wine.

I was at a party to celebrate my friend Gina's 50th birthday.

The vibe in the room felt flirty and playful – but I put it down to the fact that it was a 'no kids allowed' invite.

Gina and her husband Freddie, 52, were neighbours, and I had been swooning over their townhouse since me and my husband Sam, 51, moved to the area ten years ago.

Tonight was the first time I had actually been inside.

Gina and I would usually see each other at school mum get-togethers in the local pub, or exchange pleasantries when I picked up my daughter Sophia, 13, from school as she was collecting her girl Sylvie, who is the same age.

The house was exquisitely decorated and Gina, a full-time mum, looked sensational in a black midi-dress, with her long, dark hair pulled into an elaborate up-do.

Freddie also looked handsome in navy chinos and a linen shirt, and bore a striking resemblance to the actor Colin Firth.

There was free-flowing booze and the tables were laid with posh picky bits.

Looking around, I saw couples I recognised from the school run and, by the time we arrived at 7pm, everyone seemed tipsy.

I quickly latched on to the fact that Freddie, who works in theatre production, was doing cocaine – around his neck he wore a tiny spoon, and he made excuses to use the loo frequently.

Sam joined me on the sofa, cradling a giant glass of red wine. "Freddie's doing drugs!" I hissed.

His eyes wide, Sam whispered: "Really? And there's definitely something frisky going on upstairs."

He explained how he'd gone to the loo and saw one of the bedroom doors was shut, "with strange noises coming from behind it".

Shocked, I got the gist – the couples here were having sex.

It now became clear why Gina had shipped her daughter off to her grandma's house.

Sam squeezed my knee and said: "This wine is about 300 quid a bottle. Let's just have some fun."

Kissing passionately

It was true that Sam and I rarely went out. We'd got stuck in a rut of watching endless Netflix box sets, so it felt nice to be surrounded by people who were obviously up for a wild time.

I helped myself to another glass of wine, and got talking to a few of the mums I knew from school about a new Pilates studio that had opened nearby.

Soon, I lost count of how many drinks I'd had because my glass kept being topped up.

So I headed out into the garden to get some air.

It was strewn with festooned fairy lights, and Freddie was relaxing on a stylish rattan sofa. He asked me to sit down next to him.

He had intensely blue eyes and a warm charm – I could see why Gina was with him.

This was their second marriage and whenever I saw them, they had their hands all over each other. Out of nowhere, he blurted: "Gina's upstairs, and you might have seen a couple of other people heading up there earlier."

My ears ringing with the awkwardness of the clarification that this was, in fact, a swingers' party dressed up as a birthday celebration, I struggled to reply.

With a jolt, I realised he might be testing me to see if I was into sex with people other than my husband.

My mind was still reeling that the school mums I knew likely had sex with other men.

All these women who seemed so 'normal' were swingers.

Changing the subject, I downed the last of my wine and remarked on how gorgeous the garden looked.

Out of the corner of my eye, I could see a couple at the bottom of the garden – they were kissing passionately.

It was light enough to see that it was two of my neighbours, but they weren't with their partners. Sharply, I looked away.

"Oh, don't worry about them," Freddie laughed, sensing my shock.

"Daphne's husband is up in the bedroom, too. It's just a bit of 'adult playtime'."

I should have gone and got Sam then and headed home, but before I knew it, Freddie was leading me down the garden.

Suddenly, we were holding hands and he took me inside his office nestled in an outbuilding. I was shocked at myself for not shaking

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SHAME . . . my husband never found out about secret snog
*picture posed by model

Fab DAILY

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POPULAR . . . almost a quarter of us like the idea of swinging

'WAS WRONG BUT IT FELT AMAZING'

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him off. And before I knew it, Freddie had closed the door.

Then he started kissing me.

I knew it was wrong but it felt amazing, and his hand was on my thigh.

"You're so beautiful," he whispered in my ear.

But I heard a noise and quickly pulled away.

I should have felt guilty. Sam and I had been happily married for more than 20 years and I'd never even thought about kissing another man in that time.

But there was just something about Freddie that was enigmatic.

"It's nothing serious," he said, casually. "We can just have a kiss?"

I was a married 50-year-old woman with a teenage daughter.

"Sorry, I have to go," I said and raced up the path, just in time to see that the couple out in the garden were now clearly having sex.

Maybe I shouldn't have been so shocked as it turns out swinging is more common than I had thought.

A YouGov survey has revealed seven per cent of UK adults have experienced a consensual non-monogamous relationship, and nearly a quarter of UK adults are open to the idea.

But I'm not one of them.

I'd been for nights out with the mums at this party since the children started school eight years earlier, and I had not spotted the signs many of them were into swapping partners at all.

Back in the kitchen, I filled a large glass with water and went to find Sam. A few people were coming down the stairs – one was a man I recognised from the school run and another was the woman who taught Pilates at the new studio.

Trying the handle on the downstairs loo, I heard Sam's voice inside saying: "Sorry, I'll just be a second."

For a terrible moment I thought someone might be in there with him.

But he emerged on his own, looking slightly worse for wear with a patch of red wine on his shirt.

He pointed at a bowl on top of the toilet cistern: "I thought they were mints, but they're condoms. And a woman just propositioned me."

I sobered up immediately.

"We need to go. I'm not feeling good," I said.

Could I explain to him later what had happened just now?

"But it's fun, we never go out," he said, giving me a drunken hug.

However, I was far too neurotic to ever become part of this swinging scene.

These were people I'd be seeing in the school car park on Monday.

While I never confessed my kiss to Sam, I'd be devastated if he ever did the same.

I'm glad Freddie doesn't do the school run because I don't know what I'd say to him in the cold light of day.

And I still see Gina, but nothing about that night has been mentioned since.

Perhaps she knows I had a cheeky snog with her husband – and secretly gets a thrill just thinking about it.

As told to: **NIKKI WATKINS**

The Love Islander has forged an unlikely friendship with ex Gary Lucy's former wife, Natasha

I GO ON EX'S EX

By BETH NEIL

BEING mates with your ex's ex sounds like a recipe for disaster.

So when Laura Anderson formed an unlikely bond with former boyfriend Gary Lucy's ex-wife, friends warned them it could end in tears.

But to everyone's surprise, their shared history – and the children they have with actor Gary – helped to build a genuine friendship between former Love Islander Laura and Natasha Lucy.

With Laura's two-year-old daughter Bonnie and her four half-siblings at the heart of it, they have built a connection so strong that last month the mums and all five children went on holiday to Turkey.

As they posted happy family snaps from Antalya, it was dubbed the "ultimate revenge" on former Hollyoaks star Gary, who was said to be "distraught" at the joint trip.

But Laura, 37, denies the holiday was aimed at goading 44-year-old Gary, saying: "There's no drama, just a united family made up of two strong mummies with Bonnie the glue holding us together.

"It may be weird to other people, but not to us. Some people don't understand it, because it's taboo to be friends with your ex's ex.

"Some of our best friends told us it was going to be toxic and that we shouldn't trust each other."

ONE BIG FAMILY . . . Laura with Bonnie and Natasha with her four children

'When I was with Gary, Natasha was lovely'

Research shows the majority of us – 61 per cent – would feel uncomfortable with the idea of a partner being pally with an ex.

While Laura and Natasha's friendship might be unusual, Scottish-born Laura says it helps that there was no overlap in their relationships with Gary.

She adds: "Neither of us have done anything wrong. It's not like I met Gary when he and Natasha were still together.

"We both fell in love with the same man at different times and had beautiful children with him who are now going to be connected for ever."

Gary, who also starred in Footballers' Wives, has been largely absent from Bonnie's life following his turbulent romance with Laura, which began in 2022 on the set of Celebs Go Dating.

Laura discovered she was expecting Bonnie just a few months into their on-off relationship, but the couple broke up during the pregnancy. They briefly reunited after Bonnie's birth, then split for good.

Since then, relations between them have been rocky, with Laura branding Gary a "deadbeat dad".

In June 2024 she publicly slammed him for visiting his daughter only once that year, then in 2025 she took a swipe at him on Father's Day, posting: "Cheers to the single mums that feel s*** for their kids on Father's Day."

'We both fell in love with the same man at different times and had beautiful children with him who are now going to be connected for ever'

Laura has since described Natasha – who is mum to India, 21, Elvis, 15, Sadie, 11 and Theodore, seven – as her "rock".

She says: "When I was with Gary, Natasha was always lovely. She'd ask me to do Sadie's hair, she bought Bonnie a Christmas present, and she brought me flowers at Christmas too.

"There was a mutual respect and understanding from the get-go."

When the couple split for good after Bonnie's birth, the two women's bond grew even stronger.

Laura says: "There was a lot of back and forth with Gary and me during my pregnancy and after Bonnie was born.

"That was something I found very difficult to deal with, and I became closer to Natasha because she understood what it was like.

"She left Gary when she was nine months pregnant with Theodore, so she knew what I was going through." Nevertheless, going on holiday together felt like a big step and Laura admits she was initially nervous about it.

She says: "I was scared to ask because I didn't want Natasha to feel like she had to say yes.

"But straight away she accepted, and it was one of the best holidays I've ever had.

'He last saw Bonnie for two hours in 2024'

"I could feel the love, not just for Bonnie but for me as well. I felt so included in their family."

While the vast majority of social media comments on the trip have been positive, one person has been noticeably silent.

Neither Laura nor Natasha – who

GOING SWIMMINGLY . . . Natasha and Laura on their holiday

Gary and Laura

Gary and Natasha

HOLIDAY WITH MY TV ..OUR BOND IS SPECIAL

Says LAURA ANDERSON

split from Gary in 2018 after 14 years – have heard anything directly from their ex, except for a couple of not-so-cryptic social media posts which appeared to be digs at Laura.

She says: "I don't follow him, people don't send me stuff he posts any more, and I don't really check online.

"Because I'm so sure of myself as a person and a mum, I don't have to question my intentions at all."

Asked when Gary last saw Bonnie, who turns three next month, she pauses to think.

Then she says: "He saw her when she was four months old, which was the last time we were at his place. And he saw her for two hours in the summer of 2024 – nothing since then, apart from a couple of FaceTimes, which I asked for.

"The door has always been open. Bonnie knows who her dad is and if Gary wanted to see her, he could and he would."

Laura says she feels "numb" rather than angry about the lack of contact.

She continues: "My only consideration is Bonnie. I'll do whatever I think is going to be beneficial for her.

"We all know our childhood affects who we are as adults, and it's scary to think that the person I love the most could be negatively impacted by the absence of her father. I don't want her to feel rejected.

"But I've had to suppress my anger and frustration and focus on being happy and present as a mum.

'I've turned single mum into my superpower'

"Gary is well aware that he can see his daughter whenever he wants – and financially support her, if he ever chooses to do that."

Laura has been single since her 18-month romance with 32-year-old Scottish footballer Clark Robertson ended in March. He has since moved to Brunei to play in the Malaysia Super League, but the two of them are still in touch and Laura is not ruling out a reconciliation.

She says: "We still chat and I'm not looking to meet anyone else. I still love him, Bonnie adores him and I'm not sure what the future holds.

"Clark made some mistakes that he has paid for, but I really lost myself during that break-up.

"I lost a lot of weight and took a step back from my socials because I was in a bad place.

"I've been quietly rebuilding myself but I still believe in love and it would be nice to have that family set-up."

In the meantime, Laura continues to juggle motherhood and work. Eight years on from finishing runner-up in the fourth series of Love Island, she has just finished two weeks' cover on the breakfast show at radio station Heart Scotland.

She is due to return for another stint at the station in October.

She is also working on a series of children's books and she intends to keep banging the drum for single mums.

She says: "I think there's still a lot of shame around the label of single mum but, without sounding cheesy, I've turned it into my superpower. It's my biggest accomplishment.

"When I look at Bonnie and she's happy, healthy and thriving, the only person who can take credit for that, without blowing my own trumpet, is me."

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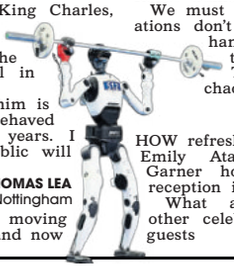
SHOULD Prince Harry and his family get 24/7 security paid for by the taxpayer now they are returning to the UK?

He is the son of King Charles, the brother of the future king and still in line to the throne. That is all in his favour.

What is against him is the way he has behaved over the last six years. I don't think the public will ever forgive him.

BRIAN THOMAS LEA
Hucknall, Nottingham



TECHNOLOGY is moving so fast these days and now we have robots doing weightlifting, *pictured*, and racing each other in the World Humanoid Robot Games.

We must be careful these creations don't fall into the wrong hands and get used for the wrong purposes. They could cause chaos.

JUNE SHANDLEY
New Milton, Hants

HOW refreshing to see actress Emily Atack and Alistair Garner host their wedding reception in their garden.

What a contrast to other celebs who make guests sign non-disclosure agreements and confiscate their phones.

Emily and Alistair's big day looked beautiful. I wish them a future of happiness.

ZARA HENDRICK
Downpatrick, Co Down

WHEN will Kanye West, *pictured*, finally realise that, after all the nasty remarks he has made, no one wants to see or hear him any more?

He keeps trying to arrange gigs but now even the Russians have given him the elbow. It's about time he called it a day.

KELVIN GLEN
Corringham, Essex

Ban deadly joyrider vids

£50 LETTER

PM Andy Burnham is correct in declaring war on online joyrider videos, after the tragic crash on the A66 near Middlesbrough.

Seven lives were lost when a car carrying five youths, driving in the wrong direction, collided with a police car that had two cops in it. And one of the teens had previously posted what appear to be joyriding videos on TikTok.

Social media's sinister side is growing faster than bamboo and must be cut back.

DAVID WEBSTER
Taunton, Somerset

GOOD on Andy Burnham for demanding that social media giants remove all posts that celebrate dangerous driving, as their influence can be so deadly.

Youths should be looking for better ways to pass their time and get their thrills.

MIA McLEOD
Downpatrick, Co Down

CLIPS and videos which glorify dangerous stunts in the name of entertainment are, as Andy Burnham rightly states, reprehensible.

Social media platforms which fail to remove such posts must face tough action.

LESLEY EVANS
Pelsall, West Mids

LITTLE did we know when we hailed the internet's invention that we would open a Pandora's box of every horror under the sun.

We now witness potentially deadly posts glorifying joyriding.

The PM is right – social media platforms must pull these posts.

PADDY MAXWELL
Lordshill, Southampton

WE now have joyriders filming their dangerous driving for the sake of likes and followers on social media.

Tougher jail sentences for such behaviour are urgently needed – and any social media company failing to take down a related post within one hour should get a £1,000 fine for each person who views the video.

LUKE RUSSELL
Wakefield, West Yorks

WHAT is lacking in this country is deterrents.

Whether it be boy racers who terrorise communities or shoplifters who plunder our high streets, they should all face tough jail terms.

JOHN KEARNS
Newcastle

YOUTHS today are driven to outdo online videos, and be more and more daring, just to get social media likes and followers.

If the authorities do not stop this, we will end up with murders being carried out and broadcast for the ultimate dare.

JAMES CULLEN
Stapleford, Notts

THE yobs who set off flares in tribute to one of the five mates killed in the A66 car crash are a disgrace. Even though the heatwave has gone for now, did they not think they could have started a wildfire?

MIKE BROWN
Knowle, Bristol

NOT a very impressive sight, PM Andy Burnham getting off a train to meet his Ukrainian counterparts while wearing a black zip-up polo shirt.

Donald Trump will have a word or two if Andy shows up in similar attire when they meet.

BRIAN HOBBS
Burnham-on-Sea, Somerset

ANDY BURNHAM could be waving a red rag to a bull in his steadfast support for Ukraine.

Aiding the country in its building of long-range missiles can only antagonise Russia's Vladimir Putin – and all while our own defence is so shoddy.

ALEX SAMS,
Kenton, Tyne and Wear

CIVIL servants have been paid more than £600,000 since 2022 to heat their homes while shirking, sorry working from home.

Er, what about their savings on travel costs?

KEITH HADLEY
Swadlincote, South Derbys

NOW that the Covid pandemic is well behind us, Andy Burnham needs to defy the trade unions and get the civil servants back in their offices without delay.

CHRIS TORODE
Richmond, North Yorks

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NO wonder so many UK people are on antidepressants. What do we have to look forward to with this government in power?
FRED BROUGH, Lincs

ANYONE who thinks that China is developing robots just for domestic and industrial use is deluding themselves. Once perfected, the nation will manufacture an indestructible robotic army.
GERRY LESTER, Stone, Staffs

WHY does the Government want closer ties to the EU? When are they going to realise that they just want our money?
MARTIN STONES, Dudley

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ARIES March 21 – April 20

Don't avoid health niggles and get things checked out. You could benefit from modern technologies or health treatments. It's an ideal date to reconnect with a friend you haven't heard from for some time. Single? Ask a good friend for an introduction. Someone they know well could be your dream date.

TAURUS April 21 – May 21

Grab hold of a job opportunity you can do from home or take on a part-time role that fits around your family. If you want to move or expand your family, get real about how to make it work. If a colleague messages you outside work hours, acknowledge there may be a deeper motive involved,

GEMINI May 22 – June 21

Foreign connections are well-starred whether you're learning about your neighbours' cultures or you fancy speaking a new language. You've got the gift of the gab and may find it hard to stop talking. Yet, be wary of wasting too much time on socials. If Wednesday night is date night, choose a foreign restaurant.

CANCER June 22 – July 22

A big-hearted gesture is lovely but that doesn't mean you want to end up out of pocket. There are other ways to show you care so choose the less-expensive option. The sensible decision is the right decision when it comes to work. Think long-term or go for promotion. A quiet night in could take a turn.

LEO July 23 – August 23

Your big personality is on show which may win you admirers. However, be wary of believing you can persuade everyone to do what you want. Some people won't appreciate your confidence. If you're playing any competitive game, let the other person win now and again. A late-night flirtation is the real deal.

VIRGO August 24 – September 22

You'll achieve more if you turn off all distractions, including social media and concentrate on what needs to be done. A caring or volunteering role could take up a lot of your time but the rewards are worth it. The financial benefits might be lean but the emotional satisfaction is potentially huge. You're never alone.

LIBRA September 23 – October 23

Your social life could take off big-time as you hear about more than one event or group get-together. Widen your circle of friends especially if you're looking for love or inspiration. The more fun you're having, the more you'll enjoy even the most mundane job. Single? Expect the best and be open to romance.

SCORPIO October 24 – November 22

A new job could take you away from home but it's worth it if you can help support your family. Or you may want to save to put down a deposit on a home. Be bold in your choices and step out of your comfort zone. Life is demanding a lot from you but trust that hard work and persistence will pay off.

SAGITTARIUS November 23 – December 21

Not everyone shares your lust for adventure so don't see someone as wrong if they would prefer to stay at home. It might be wise to postpone a trip if work commitments crop up. There'll be more opportunity to get away over the coming year. Your feelings for a friend are mutual so line up a one-to-one date.

CAPRICORN December 22 – January 20

If you're on a mission to earn big, you're in tune with your stars. You may have a specific goal in mind like buying a property or paying off a loan. However, you're wise to learn to work smarter rather than harder. In addition, get the best financial advice you can afford. Single? No more dating down – and aim high.

AQUARIUS January 21 –February 18

There may be an imbalance in a close relationship today. Perhaps, you're letting your other half do everything and take charge. Or you're dating more than one person. As long as no one's getting hurt, be true to your authentic self and do what's right for you. An older relative has an important message for you.

PISCES February 19 – March 20

Take your time today and favour careful thought and logic over an emotional response. If too much is expected of you from other people, know when to say no and learn to put boundaries in place. A job means financial security but that doesn't mean allowing yourself to be taken advantage of.

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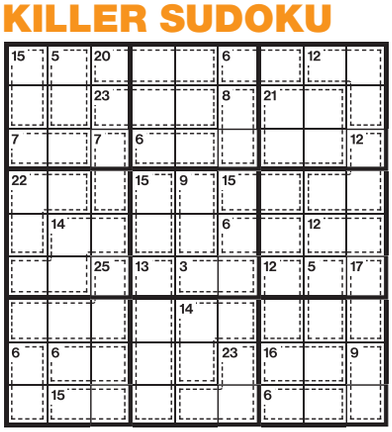

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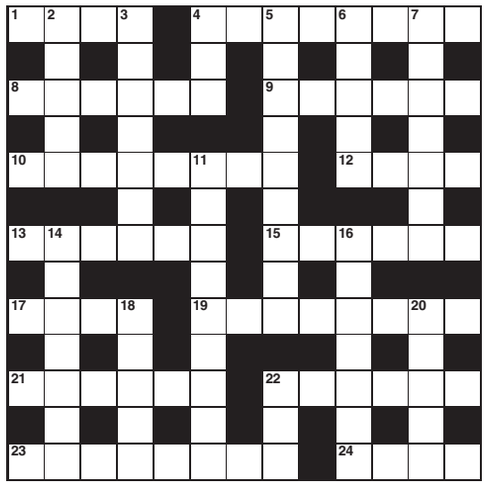
1 Open water vehicle buoyant from time to time (4)
4 Without mercy, battered hustlers (8)
8 Publicly announce content to other aldermen (6)
9 Stay in space in shower? (6)
10 American blocking reduced promises to pay, being watchful (8)
12 Grass study announced (4)
13 Strangely, rebids for rubbish (6)
15 Aloof with respect to turbot, perhaps (6)
17 Deprivation of some rissoles on the counter (4)
19 Male sex hormone no danger to fly (8)
21 Young woman I love rejected platform (3,3)
22 Try it on, getting complaint (6)
23 Unusual ambivert? Exactly (8)
24 One leaving apple, for example, over in thick grass (4)

DOWN

2 No-hoper apparently presenting musical show (5)
3 Feature essentially amoral Judas (7)
4 Free journey on horseback reduced (3)
5 Held short bananas in doorway (9)
6 The French returned strange creature from Madagascar (5)
7 Thin pieces of small organ on top of stomach (7)
11 Parson's laughter somewhat offensive (9)
14 Electronic note during relocation is sensitive (7)
16 Shopkeeper flirts terribly, receiving nothing (7)
18 Extremely specific massage and clean (5)
20 Fear shaving head – a mistake (5)
22 Stone periodically agleam (3)



Solutions tomorrow
Get solutions today: Call **0905 757 0150** for Across and **0905 757 0151** for Down before midnight.
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Coffee Time

ACROSS

1 Container for gravy (4)
4 Having no pity (8)
8 Proclaim (6)
9 Continue unchanged (6)
10 Prudent (8)
12 Vibrating cane in an oboe (4)
13 Rubble (6)
15 Distant in manner (6)
17 Bereavement (4)
19 Steroid produced by the testes (8)
21 Kit for obtaining fossil fuel (3,3)
22 Thyroid condition (6)
23 Word for word (8)
24 Territory (4)

DOWN

2 Carmen, for example (5)
3 Turncoat (7)
4 Deliver (3)
5 Limit (9)
6 Madagascan arboreal primate (5)
7 Splinters (7)
11 Assault (9)
14 Arousing strong feelings (7)
16 Flower seller (7)
18 Wash with a stiff brush, perhaps (5)
20 Blunder (5)
22 Very admirable person (3)

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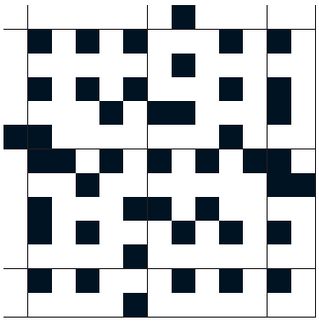
WORDSEARCH

Find seven words associated with pizza. Words can run forwards, backwards or diagonally.

N	T	L	H	E	B	T
C	Y	S	S	A	S	O
E	R	A	U	L	R	P
N	B	I	I	R	O	P
T	A	C	S	E	C	I
D	E	E	P	P	A	N
H	G	U	O	D	Y	G

KRISS KROSS

Fit the words into the grid. Solution below right.



3 letters
Arc
Ass
Ear
Elm
Hut
Lea
Mac
Tap
Tar
Yap

4 letters
Body
Kiwi
Lust
Ogle
Romp
Show
Thee
Zero

5 letters
Crawl
Layer
Opera
Rough
Slang
Windy

6 letters
Agency
Cloudy
Gather
Harass
Shriek
Stormy

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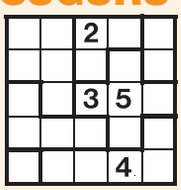

Each cell in an outlined block must contain a digit: a two-cell block contains the digits 1 and 2, a three-cell block contains the digits 1, 2 and 3, and so on. The same digit must not appear in neighbouring cells, not even diagonally. Solution below right.

THE NAME GAME

EACH clue leads to a well-known name. Put the initials or stated letters in the appropriate squares to identify an actor:

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9

9 & 6	Manchester City youngster who was England's first-choice left back at the 2026 FIFA World Cup
2 & 5	Famously smiley chef who took over from Fern Britton as presenter of Ready Steady Cook
7 & 4	The creator of Star Wars
8	Ms Lima, Brazilian model once named "the most valuable Victoria's Secret Angel"
1 & 3	Ms Clark, 50s and 60s singer of The Little Shoemaker, I Know A Place and Downtown (first and fourth letters of name)

Yesterday: Music producer RICK RUBIN (Imogen (Poots), (Jarell) Quansah, Rachael Blackmore, (Martin) Bashir, Kaley Cuoco). Another Name Game in The Sun tomorrow.
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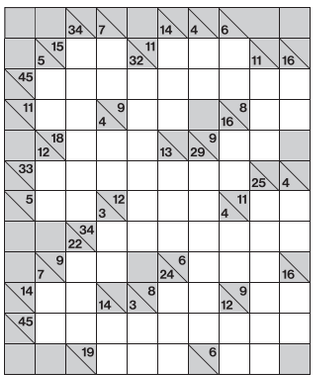
KAKURO



Fill the grid so that each block adds up to the total in the box above or to the left of it. You can only use the digits 1-9 and you must not use the same digit twice in a block. The same digit may occur more than once in a row or column. Solution below right.

SUNDIAL

Brilliant: 29. Excellent: 24. Good: 18. Great kids' score: 14.

SEE how many words of four or more letters you can "dial" using the one at the centre in each word. You can make at least one word using all of them. Don't use the letters more than once in any word. No proper names or plurals ending in 's'. Words from Collins Concise Dictionary. Solution tomorrow.

YESTERDAY: Ever, evert, over, overt, reeve, revere, revert, rove, rover, trove, veer, vert, vertex, veto, vortex, vote, voter, OVEREXERT.

30-SECOND NUMBERCRUNCH

Starting at the left with the number provided, work your way across the three lines one at a time, applying all the mathematical instructions to your running total. Don't use a calculator – that would be cheating! Write your answer at the end. Aim to complete each round in about 30 seconds. Good luck! Answers on the right.

EASY 62	Half of it	-29	×8	+143	÷3	+175	÷12	+234	÷11	ANSWER
MEDIUM 147	+343	÷10	+87	3/4 of it	-36	Third of it	+93	÷5	+209	ANSWER
HARDER 444	÷6	+3016	80% of it	-2127	÷5	-59	×10	Square root of it	+1538	ANSWER

Check today's answers by calling **0905 757 0155** before midnight. Calls cost £1 per minute plus your telephone company's network access charge.

favourite brain-teasers! from Tuesday to Friday

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WORD WORKOUT

■	21	8	11	4	■	15	21	8	3	■
9	■	20	■	17	■	16	■	3	■	■
11	18	11	■	4	11	15 B	12	22	11	24
13	■	1	■	19	■	18	■	23	■	22
17	21	7 T	8	11	7	■	16	1	11	14
23	■	■	3	■	■	■	12	■	■	16
17	22	20 L	18	■	26	16	6	3	11	7
21	■	16	■	2	■	15	■	22	■	22
8	25	21	11	16	3	18	■	7	10	17 O
■	■	19	■	5	■	8	■	7	■	13
■	8	2	17	11	■	8	7	18	11	■

A ~~B~~ C D E F G H I J K ~~L~~ M N ~~O~~ P Q R S ~~T~~ U V W X Y Z

1	2	3	4	5	6	7 T	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 B	16	17 O	18	19	20 L	21	22	23	24	25	26

The world's best brain-teaser – The Sun's clueless crossword. Each grid number in our Word Workout game represents a letter. So if you think 4 is the letter E, write E in all the squares with a 4. The whole alphabet is used and we have supplied some letters to start you off. Answers tomorrow.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

ACROSS: Spiced, Kiss, Jeer, Klaxon, Toxin, Bingo, Ego, Float, Arena, Squash, Zoom, Vend, Tidily.

DOWN: Pie, Corgi, Duke, Khaki, Shotgun, Oblique, Net, Boa, Award, Razed, Whit, Owl.

For four extra WORD WORKOUT clues

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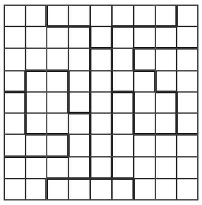
For clues from the last 7 days **CALL** 0905 624 0010. Cost £1 per min plus network charge

STARS

Put two stars in each row, column and region. Star cells can't touch, even diagonally. Solution below.



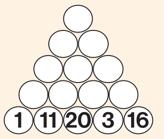
X FACTOR

Normal sudoku rules... but the two main diagonals must also contain the numbers 1-9. Solution below.

2			3	5	7			8
				8				
5		4	7		9	6		1
			6		1			
1	3						7	9
3								5
			4		5			
	5	2				7	9	

ADD UP

If the number in each circle is the sum of the two below it, what is the top number? Solution below.



BRAINBUSTER

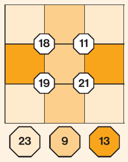
Which poet had a name that is an anagram of WE ARE ALL DREAMT?

MISSING LINK

Fit ten words into the grid so each connects with the words on either side, eg wishing – well – done. The letters in the shaded squares spell out a sport. Solution below.

CLOUDED					AGE
OXTAIL					SPOON
DIRTY					ALIKE
VICTORIA					TOMATO
BREAK					HOUSE
MORALITY					SCHOOL
PIT					BAR
TAG					PLAYER
SERVICE					MANAGER
COMPLIMENTS					CASE

SAKURO



Enter the numbers 1 to 9 in the spaces so that the number in each octagon is equal to the sum of its four surrounding squares. Each coloured area should add up to the colour totals at the bottom. Solution below.

SET SQUARE

	+		÷		= 9
+	■	×	■	+	
	+	4	−		= 3
−	■	×	■	+	
	−		−		= 2
= 4		= 60		= 11	

Place digits 1-9 to make the sums work. Each digit can be used only once. Solution below.

Yesterday's solutions

SunDOKU

Easy

5	4	2	8	9	7	3	1	6
8	3	6	5	1	4	2	7	9
7	9	1	6	3	2	8	5	4
9	7	5	3	4	1	6	8	2
1	6	4	2	5	8	7	9	3
3	2	8	7	6	9	1	4	5
4	1	7	9	2	6	5	3	8
6	5	9	1	8	3	4	2	7
2	8	3	4	7	5	9	6	1

Teaser

8	9	4	5	7	3	2	1	6
7	6	3	2	1	8	4	9	5
5	1	2	4	6	9	7	8	3
9	2	7	1	3	6	5	4	8
4	8	6	9	5	2	3	7	1
1	3	5	7	8	4	6	2	9
3	7	1	8	2	5	9	6	4
6	4	8	3	9	7	1	5	2
2	5	9	6	4	1	8	3	7

Toughie

8	4	7	9	3	2	1	5	6
5	2	9	6	1	8	7	4	3
1	3	6	4	7	5	8	9	2
3	8	1	5	4	9	2	6	7
9	6	4	7	2	1	3	8	5
7	5	2	3	8	6	9	1	4
4	9	8	2	5	7	6	3	1
6	7	5	1	9	3	4	2	8
2	1	3	8	6	4	5	7	9

Two-speed crossword

ACROSS: 1 Cross-bar, 6 Gib-e, 8 Pedigr-ee, 9 Bir-d, 10 Be-a-t, 11 Ex-aminer, 13 Stup-id, 15 Lesion, 17 B-ullf-ro-g, 19 Mite (might), 20 A-dam, 21 Mate-rial, 22 Croc (crock), 23 Par-a-site.

DOWN: 2 Reel-ect, 3 S-ain't, 4 Bart-end-er, 5 Rue, 6 Gub-bin-s, 7 Bar-g-e, 12 Alligator(e), 14 Pole-m-i/c, 16 Out-cast, 18 (Sh)udder, 19 More-s, 21 Map.

NEWSPAPERS SUPPORT RECYCLING

The recycled paper content of UK newspapers in 2025 was 34.7%

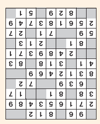
Today's solutions

Add Up 193

Numbercrunch 23, 232, 1548

Page 2 Sekuta Top line 149 Middle 387 Bottom 652

Kakuro



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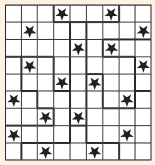
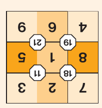


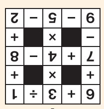
Brainbuster Walter de la Mare

Missing Link Over, Soup, Look, Plum, Free, Play, Bull, Team, Line, Slip VOLLEYBALL

Sakuro



Set Square



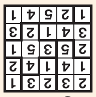
Kriss Kross

Killer Sudoku

Wordsearch

X Factor

Sugru



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£60 DEBT BILL

HOUSEHOLDS are being saddled with an extra £60 on their annual energy bills due to unrecovered customer debt, **EDF** has said.

The energy supplier said customers currently owe a total of £4.79billion.

Trade association **ENERGY UK** forecasts that this could balloon to a whopping £7billion by the end of the year.

Meanwhile, EDF said it expects bills to remain "stubbornly high" until 2030.

GOOD AS GOLD

GOLD prices hit their highest level in more than three months yesterday amid mounting political uncertainty.

It hit £3,410 an ounce in early Asian trading hours, then fell slightly. Gold has risen by nearly 15 per cent this month and could register its best monthly performance in 30 years.

Investors view gold as a safe haven in times of uncertainty, with anxiety over the Iran War and US inflation pushing up prices.

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Not doing it for the kids

1 IN 3 FIRMS CUT YOUTH JOBS

By EMILY MEE

MORE than a third of employers have cut entry-level jobs for young workers in the past year.

Senior business leaders admitted they had been forced to slash junior roles for 16 to 24-year-olds.

Almost half of medium-sized (48 per cent) and large employers (46 per cent) cut entry-level roles.

It comes after it was revealed more than one million young people aged 16 to 24 are classed as Neets – meaning they are not in employment, education or training.

And shock figures found youngsters who become Neets at 16 risk years out of work.

Nearly three-quarters (73 per cent) of business leaders surveyed by Lancaster University said that youth unemployment had become a national crisis.

Ben Harrison, director of the Work Foundation at Lancaster that carried out the survey, said: "Young people are entering one of the toughest labour markets in years. Our research suggests the challenge is not simply how to provide young people with more employment support.

"Opportunities are declining, and for those living in weaker local labour markets, the options they face are constrained."

Previous research by the Work Foundation found that average weekly pay starter vacancies, accessible for someone just starting work, had fallen by 49 per cent over the past nine years. Late last year there was one starter vacancy for every three Neet youngsters nationally.

49% drop in starter job vacancies in past 9yrs

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BAE Systems	2101	+	4
BP*	529¼	-	4 ¼
BT Group*	206	+	0 ½
Barclays*	497	+	1 ¾
Barratt Redrow	320¼	+	5
Bco Santander SA	1080	-	4
Brit Amer Tobacco	4131	-	63
British Land	433¾	+	5
Bunzl	2791	-	7
Burberry Group	1082	+	4
Compass	2262¾	-	35
Currys	148¼	+	0 ¾
Diageo	1729½	-	41 ½
Drax Group	759	+	19 ½
Experian	3013	+	50
FirstGroup	179	+	0
Frasers Group	824½	+	4 ½
GSK*	1910	+	19 ½
Greggs	1873	-	3
HSBC*	1517	-	12
IMI*	3100	+	28
ITV	73	+	0 ¾
Imperial Brands*	2521	-	14
InterCont'l Hotels*	11992½	+	55 ¾
Intl Consol. Airlines	442¾	+	10 ½
Johnson Matthey*	2246	-	22
Kingfisher	321¾	+	4
Legal&General*	290	+	1 ¾
Lloyds Banking Gp*	111½	-	0
LSE Grp*	8798	-	42
Man Group*	305½	+	1 ¼
Marks & Spencer	392	+	7 ¼
Mitch & Butlers	286	+	1
Mitie Group*	208¼	-	0 ¼
Mobico Group	23¼	+	0 ¼
Mothercare	0¾	-	
NatWest Group*	690¼	+	1 ½
National Grid	1184	+	14 ½
News Corp A	2246½	+	3 ¾
News Corp B	2543	-	0 ½
Next	15645	+	370
Pennon*	473¼	+	10 ¾
Persimmon	1186	+	25 ½
Prudential	1036¼	-	6 ¼
Rank Group	109	-	
Reckitt Benckiser*	5150	-	30
Rentokil*	345	-	3 ¾
Rightmove	515	+	11 ¼
Rio Tinto Ltd*	9411¼	+	101
Rolls-Royce*	1529¼	+	29 ¼
SSE*	2404	+	33
Sainsbury's	335	-	0 ½
Segro*	968	+	7
Severn Trent	3146	+	24
Shell*	3384	-	13
Smith&New	1071	-	11
Smiths News	69¼	+	0 ¼
Standard Chartered*	2144½	-	50 ½
Tesco	463½	+	2 ½
The Sage Grp	1104½	-	0 ½
Unilever*	4749½	-	33
United Utilities	1432	+	7
Vanquis Banking Gp	80½	+	2
Vesuvius	389¾	+	7 ½
Vodafone	118	+	0 ¼
WH Smith	415¼	+	1

* = ex dividend

LEGO BUILDS TO A HIGH

LEGO has hit record revenue levels thanks to "consumer excitement" around the World Cup, Formula 1 and KPop Demon Hunters.

The toymaker saw its sales increase by more than a fifth in the first half of 2026.

The Danish group reported a 21 per cent rise in revenues to 41.9billion Danish kroner (£4.8billion) from January to June.

Lego launched more than 330 new products in that time, including a replica of the World Cup trophy and Smart Bricks, which bring sets to life with sound, light and reaction to movement.

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SIR BILLY BOSTON

1934-2026

RUGBY ROYALTY . . . Billy Boston, with his wife Joan, is knighted by King Charles last year

King and a knight

ICON BLAZED TRAIL

SIR BILLY BOSTON blazed trails hundreds of times down the wing as he became a rugby league icon.

By GARY CARTER

But it is the path he trod at a time when social attitudes were very different that made the biggest impact – and still can now.

The Welsh wonder – the 13-a-side code's first knight – died yesterday at the age of 92 after living with vascular dementia.

Being cast in bronze in his home town of Cardiff, his adopted Wigan and outside Wembley are lasting ways to recognise the impact of King Bill.

And Warriors coach Matt Peet – whose side will pay tribute at tomorrow's match with Hull KR – could not play down how big a figure he is for the club he scored 478 tries in 488 games for and people in general after overcoming racism.

Peet said: "That adds to the legend, the fact that he was fighting against a racist culture at a time more racist than now. He stands for much more than rugby league.

"He was a black man trying to make a name for himself and that inspired future generations. 'Legend' is the best way to put it. There was almost a mythical thing, that presence about him.

"You meet people around the world who've heard of Wigan and Central Park, then it tends to be Billy Boston."

Sir Billy – whose wife Lady Joan died on July 23 – joined Wigan in 1953 for £3,000 after starring in rugby union.

A Cardiff contract never came as they did not offer black and mixed-race players terms at the time.

Seven major honours later, he played his final match for Wigan on April 27, 1968.

Eleven appearances for Blackpool Borough followed before he hung up his boots aged 36 after 571 tries in 562 first-class games.

A World Cup winner with Great Britain in 1960, Sir Billy *(below)* was the first non-white player to be selected to tour Australia and New Zealand in 1954, on which he set a record of 36 tries in 18 matches.

An MBE arrived in 1996 and, at the age of 90, he received rugby league's first knighthood. Son Stephen said: "He will always be King Bill. He's still my hero."

Wigan owner Mike Danson added: "Billy was everybody's hero, including my mum's."

Warriors chairman, Professor Chris Brookes, recalled: "It's remarkable that he had no alternative than to leave his beloved Tiger Bay to pursue his rugby career.

"Although fiercely proud of his roots, he told me of standing, kit bag in hand, at the bus stop outside Cardiff RFC's ground, waiting for a bus to training at Neath.

"An incredibly sad moment for him as it was his colour which was the impediment to allowing him to represent his home-town club."

Wigan chief executive Kris Radlinski added: "Billy's true measure went beyond what he achieved on a rugby field. It was in the respect he commanded, the way he carried himself and the affection in which he was held by everyone."

SERENA & ALCA IN PURPLE HAZE

By JOSHUA JONES

SERENA WILLIAMS made a winning return to the US Open alongside new mixed doubles partner Carlos Alcaraz before losing in the quarter-finals.

Williams, 44, won the US Open mixed doubles title all the way back in 1998 – five years before Alcaraz was even born.

And in her first appearance at Flushing Meadows since retiring in 2022, Serena loved all 58 minutes of their 5-3 4-1 victory over doubles specialists Erin Routliffe and Brit Lloyd Glasspool.

The star-studded pair rocked matching purple and black Nike outfits as Alcaraz – playing competitively for the first time since April – debuted his new flowing locks.

And there was plenty of typical Spanish firepower, while Williams bossed things at the net, much to the crowd's delight.

Then, in a tight quarter-final against No4 seeds Belinda Bencic and Fabio Cobolli, the Swiss-Italian pair nicked the first set on a tie-break and ended up winning 5-4 4-1.

They will take on married couple Gael Monfils and Elina Svitolina in today's semis, with $1million on the line for the pair crowned Grand Slam champions.

Monfils and Svitolina edged out world No1 doubles stars Henry Patten and Katerina Siniakova in the quarters.

PAIR OF ACES . . . Williams and Alcaraz during their opening victory

Wimbledon champ Patten and his Czech partner had dumped out all-star pairing Novak Djokovic and Aryna Sabalenka 1-4 4-2 10-2 in round one, breaking both greats in the second set.

Patten double faulted at 8-8 to gift match point.

In singles qualifying, Harriet Dart beat American Jordyn Hazelitt, 16, 6-0 6-7 6-1 and Fran Jones won 6-3 6-4 against Nina Brancaccio to join Heather Watson and five British men who progressed to round two on Monday.

However, Jodie Burrage and Henry Searle went out.

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BOXING ITAUMA v HRGOVIC 3 DAYS TO GO

FIGHT OF HIS LIFE . . . British heavyweight sensation Itauma can claim the IBF world title at the O_2 Arena *Pictures: Sam Barker @Mavericks Magazine*

IT'S WEIRD

Fame makes Moses so selfie-conscious

MOSES ITAUMA has found juggling new-found fame the biggest fight of his career.

By **JACK FIGG**

The British prodigy made his debut aged 18 in 2023 and was compared to Mike Tyson in his prime – before he had even thrown a professional punch.

Fast-forward three years and Itauma can become the youngest heavyweight world champion since Tyson – who broke the record in 1986 at 20 years, four months and 22 days by beating Trevor Berbick.

Itauma challenges Filip Hrgovic for the vacant IBF title at the O_2 Arena on Saturday with his profile soaring to ever greater heights.

But it will leave the 21-year-old fighter weighing up whether another dinner on the house is worth the countless selfies he has to pose for with fans.

Itauma said: "There are pros and cons to everything.

"I might go to a restaurant and the bill's free and I like that touch because I wasn't planning on spending that much anyway.

"Or I might have bought a ticket somewhere on a standard, and because of who I am, they upgrade me. But at the same time it comes with having to take more pictures.

"That's why I don't spend as much time in the UK as I should."

Itauma turned 21 in December but he waited six months to celebrate it away in Sweden.

The heavyweight sensation soon realised that, even miles away from home, he has too much of a familiar face to fly under the radar.

Itauma said: "I celebrated it in Sweden in the middle of May, so it was five months after my birthday.

"We got out to Sweden and I was so pumped for it.

"I was so pumped for Sweden, and I literally got outside my hotel, walked three minutes down the road, and I had to take five or ten pictures – it just zapped all my energy. Some people were from Sweden and some from abroad.

"Every security guard or bouncer knew who I was and I was just like, 'I came here to let my hair down'.

"It was actually my brother's birthday and it was one of my friend's birthday."

With former heavyweight world champions Anthony Joshua, 36, and 38-year-old Tyson Fury finally set to commence their Battle of Britain this year, it brings a close to golden era.

Itauma is tipped to carry the torch for the next generation – where superstardom seems almost a certainty.

And he admitted: "I'm not really ready for that but it's part of the job.

"If I think about it too much, I might just want to retire! I acknowledge it might happen but I don't think about it.

"I feel like I'm in a happy, comfortable place where I can go to certain places where people can't recognise me, and I can still have my spots in the UK."

Hrgovic *(above)*, beaten just once in his 21 bouts, by Daniel Dubois in 2024, was the first opponent Itauma ever called out.

And after the Croat beat Dave Allen in May, Itauma got his wish.

The Brit said: "I don't know why I specifically pointed at him.

"It might have just been that's what I was feeling at the time.

"But the reason I said yes to this fight is that after every fight we have a debrief and we talk about potential opponents.

"Sometimes working with people is too difficult or working in this country's jurisdiction is too difficult.

"But Hrgovic, for me, of all the names that were mentioned, was the best.

"And then they also said that contractually, he's supposed to fight me.

"So I was like, 'Why are we not making this fight happen?'

"After the win over Dave Allen, he made himself look a lot better as well, so I think it's great.

"The beautiful thing about boxing is that Filip Hrgovic has done so much in boxing.

"He's achieved so much and I get to take that away from him."

8-PAGE BIG-FIGHT PULLOUT COMING ON SATURDAY

DOTT . . . found guilty

Disgraced Dott gets Hall boot

By ROB MAUL

SHAMED snooker champ Graeme Dott has been kicked out of the sport's Hall of Fame after he was found guilty of sexually abusing a young boy and girl.

World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association chiefs permanently revoked the Scot's membership.

Dott was entitled to lifetime honorary membership as the 2006 World champion. But he is now barred from WPBSA snooker, billiards and pool events for ever.

And he has also been removed from the World Snooker Tour Hall of Fame with immediate effect.

Established in 2011, the Hall of Fame includes 37 individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the sport.

Dott was added to the list in 2013 as a result of winning the 2006 world crown, beating Peter Ebdon 18-14 in the Crucible final.

It is understood there are no plans to strip Dott of that title.

The 49-year-old was convicted on Monday of preying on two children then effectively trying to buy their silence with gifts or money.

Dott, from Glasgow, denied the allegations, branding them "nonsense" and "lies".

But a jury found him guilty of two charges of lewd and libidinous behaviour between 1993 to 2010.

He was remanded in custody and will be sentenced on September 29.

Dott had been provisionally suspended by the WPBSA since April 2025 pending the outcome of his trial.

Robbo's No1 fun

By ROB MAUL

NEIL ROBERTSON reckons fans must be loving the unpredictable baize battle to become world No 1.

Australia's former world champion, 44, stayed in the hunt by beating Iran's Hossein Vafaei 5-3 in the Wuhan Open third round.

Current world No 1 Judd Trump, Zhao Xintong and Mark Selby are also fighting for snooker supremacy this week in China — but world champ Wu Yize crashed out on Monday.

World No 2 Robertson — who faces Welshman Liam Davies today — said: "I don't think we've been in this position before.

"Three or four players might be jockeying for the spot this season. It's good for the fans. It's exciting."

CRICKET SECOND TEST

TOMORROW, 11am

Root & branch reform

PLAYING SHOTS, NOT DRINKING THEM . . . Joe Root batting in the nets after having to address another England booze scandal

JOE NEW CULTURE VOW AFTER BOOZE SCANDALS

JOE ROOT took a step towards ending England's boozing scandals by laying down the law with his players.

By JOHN ETHERIDGE

Before a training session at Lord's yesterday, captain Root made it very clear what kind of behaviour he expects in future.

And he is demanding a complete cultural re-set of the England team.

That means changing attitudes – and, most importantly, the public perception – around players' drinking and off-field activities.

Root, 35, explained: "I can see how we are viewed at the moment but we have an opportunity to build a culture that is very strong and that we can be proud of.

"Of course, that's not going to happen overnight but we've already had conversations on what is expected from this group of players, what it means to play for England, what it takes to play for England.

"We've had a very robust discussion about where we currently sit and there's real clarity there.

"Now the guys can concentrate on what is important this week on the field."

Root brought forward his media conference by 24 hours in an attempt to confront the Brydon Carse issue head on.

Fast bowler Carse was briefly arrested and handcuffed outside a bar in Derby on Saturday night. Root admitted he was "really hacked off" to be talking again about boozing rather than cricket.

There must be sympathy for the captain who – apart from an altercation with Aussie David Warner in a Birmingham bar in 2013 in which Root appeared to be blameless – has led a controversy-free career.

You can bet that coach-in-waiting Stephen Fleming is also furious at this latest breach of professionalism.

Fleming, in New Zealand, has not even met the players but is already discovering their weakness.

He might feel the need to come in hard when he takes over.

Root wants to create a legacy – with himself at the vanguard.

He explained: "I might only be in this dressing room for a couple more years, maybe a bit longer. There are players who will be around for the next ten years and they can live and breathe something over that period.

"Then they can pass it on to the next generation.

"This is where it can start. So I've made it very clear what is expected of them.

"I'm not sitting here and asking people to be saints. Everyone's going to make mistakes at the odd time.

"But the characters we have care about playing for England. I want us to be seen like that – not these isolated incidents. But it is going to take a bit of work and time."

Root claimed he could not discuss the specifics of Carse's case because it is being probed by the independent Cricket Regulator.

Any talk of Carse's future was dismissed as "hypothetical".

But the Regulator has limitless punishment powers and, if it finds him guilty of bringing the game into disrepute, the South African-born bowler's England career will be significantly set back.

Root might decide simply not to pick him again.

Carse's handcuffing came just days after the captain scrapped the team's midnight curfew.

On the cricket front, Root said it was too early to name his team for the Second Test against Pakistan at Lord's tomorrow.

Captain Babar Azam should be fit for Pakistan after missing the First Test with a hand injury.

KICK UP THE CARSE

From Back Page

away from the game and it's detracting from what we're doing on the field."

Carse, 31, was filmed after being handcuffed by cops outside a Derby nightspot at 4am on Sunday. Police confirmed he was arrested on suspicion of being drunk and disorderly but later de-arrested.

The fast bowler, who did not play in the victory at Headingley, has been axed from England's squad for the Second Test against Pakistan, starting tomorrow at Lord's. It is the latest in a long line of booze-related issues involving a number of England players the past ten months.

Root, 35, has spoken to Carse and former England skipper Ben Stokes, who was seen in the background of the video.

He explained: "When I found out, my first concern was Carsey as a person. He's very upset, very apologetic and understands his actions."

CUFFED . . . England's Carse

LITTLER . . . setback

Watt has power to KO Luke

By ROB MAUL

LUKE LITTLER's hopes of defending his Players Championship Finals crown have taken a blow.

Until this week, The Nuke had not bothered with any Pro Tours, deciding to skip the behind-closed-doors floor events.

And in his first appearance of 2026 he could only bank £4,000 in prize money as he lost 6-5 to Jermaine Wattimena in the quarter-finals of PC27 in Leicester.

Littler, 19, must win at least one of the remaining seven tournaments to have a chance of reaching the televised finals stage in Minehead on November 27-29.

The world No1 currently sits £22,250 behind 64th-placed Mario Vandenbogaerde.

Victory at one of the events earns £15,000, while runners-up receive £10,000.

Littler has won all of the six TV majors so far in this year.

But his chances of a clean sweep of all 11 could be undermined by his decision to snub the Pro Tours.

Leicester hosts PC28 today and then there are four days in Holland before it concludes with a double-header in the East Midlands on November 4-5.

Sport

MAX VERSTAPPEN will take part in the world's biggest go-kart race at Silverstone on September 16.

The four-time F1 title winner, 28, will attempt to fend off 100 other drivers.

SHORT

Top Pog yet again

TADEJ POGACAR stayed on target for a Grand Tour clean sweep after he dominated stage four of the Vuelta a Espana.

Pogacar finished the tough mountain stage in Andorra nearly three minutes clear of the rest.

His second stage win of the Vuelta put him 3min 21sec ahead of nearest rival, fellow Sloveninan Primoz Roglic, overall.

Spain's Enric Mas is a further 11 seconds behind in general classification.

The Vuelta finishes in Granada on September 13.

Pogacar, 27, took his third successive Tour de France in July and his 2024 Giro d'Italia win puts him on track to become only the ninth man to win all three Grand Tours.

S1

It's LASK of the summer whine

From ROBERT GRIEVE in Linz

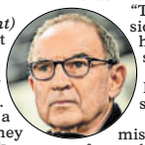
CELTIC suffered one of the worst nights in their European history after blowing a FOUR-goal lead to crash out of the Champions League.

Boss Martin O'Neill had no answer as the Scottish giants, who built on a 3-0 first leg advantage when Callum McGregor netted in the 21st minute, blew a £40million windfall by missing out on Europe's elite.

The late-August tie in Austria spiralled out of control as Moses Usor, Robert Ljubicic, Samuel Adeniran and Florian Flecker forced extra-time.

LASK.....5
Celtic.....1
AET, LASK WIN 5-4 ON AGG

And a low, fizzing extra-time strike from Adeniran – his second of a crazy night – sent Celtic spinning into the Europa League.



O'Neill *(right)* said: "It's difficult to explain.

"We should have been out of sight by half-time.

"We gave them a lifeline and they came roaring back.

"We conceded not good goals. It's my team and my responsibility. I'm disappointed we have conceded the goals in that manner.

"They are a fine side but we should have been able to see it through.

"Playing in the Europa League is scant consolation."

Adeniran even missed the chance for a hat-trick when he saw his 115th minute penalty saved by Celtic keeper Viljami Sinisalo.

SPORTS ROUND-UP: RESULTS & FIXTURES

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE PLAY-OFF ROUND SECOND LEG

LASK (1) 5 CELTIC (1) 1
Usor 32
Ljubicic 48
Adeniran 58, 109
F Flecker 90
McGregor 21
AET: Score after 90 mins 4-1.
LASK win 5-4 on aggregate.

CARABAO CUP SECOND ROUND

BARNSLEY (3) 3 CREWE (1) 2
Cleary 29
Noslin 31
O'Keeffe 38
Thibaut 21
Ewusi 89
Att: 3,002

BIRMINGHAM (1) 1 BRENTFORD (3) 6
Gray 28
Wilson 6
Hickey 35
Collins 40, 77
Damsgaard 70
Thiago 73

BLACKBURN (0) 1 SHEFF UTD (1) 2
Afolayan 55
Cannon 20
Donovan 81
Att: 6,826

BLACKPOOL (1) 1 LINCOLN C (1) 4
Clarkson 45
Olaofe 36
Bayliss 53
Street 55
Elder 77
Att: 2,407

CAMBRIDGE (0) 0 MILLWALL (1) 1
Cooper 9

CARDIFF (0) 1 NORWICH (1) 2
Salech 90
Kvistgaarden 25
Crnac 78
Att: 5,432

DONCASTER (0) 1 MIDDLESBRO (1) 3
Hutchinson 90
Joseph 34
Lankshear 78
Sarmiento 87

FLEETWOOD (3) 4 SHRWSBURY (0) 0
Boyle 8 (og)
Evans 28, 35
Davies 90

IPSWICH (0) 3 LEICESTER (0) 1
Walle 62
Nunez 71, 90
Aluko 67
Att: 21,559

NOTTM FOR (0) 0 LEEDS (0) 2
James 50
Justin 75
Att: 24,542

PLYMOUTH (1) 2 COVENTRY (2) 4
Irow 21
Amaechi 54
Awoniyi 3
Rudoni 5
Mason-Clark 67
Att: 14,210
Torp 78 (pen)

SHEFF WED (0) 0 WOLVES (2) 2
Swinkels 3 (og)
Olagunju 45
Att: 13,586

SOUTHMPTN (1) 1 WEST HAM (1) 4
Scienza 10
Ajala 41, 53
Castellanos 75
Bowen 84

STEVENAGE (0) 0 READING (2) 3
Brown 9
Lane 24
Att: 2,013
Williams 85

STOKE (1) 1 HULL (1) 1
Bozenik 39
Dowell 45
Att: 7,141
Hull win 5-4 on penalties.

WALSALL (0) 0 L ORIENT (0) 0
Att: 2,679
Leyton Orient win 6-5 on penalties.

WATFORD (0) 1 PETERBORO (2) 5
Doumbia 73
Clarridge 10 (og)
Leonard 23, 51
Shofowoke 55
Jones 64
Att: 7,978

NORTHERN PREMIER - Alfreton Town 4 Hyde Utd 0, Ashton Utd 1 Ilkeston Town 1, Bamber Bridge 1 FC United of Manchester 1, Bury FC 0 Lancaster City 1, Cleethorpes Town 6 Whitby Town 0, Guiseley 3 Stockton Town 0, Quorn 2 Gainsborough Trinity 2, Redcar Athletic 0 Emley AFC 0, Warrington Town 0 Curzon Ashton 4, Workington 3 Warrington Rylands 2.

EFL TROPHY SOUTHERN GROUP C - Bristol Rovers 2 Chelsea U21 2 (Chelsea U21 win 4-2 on penalties).

KDM EVOLUTION TROPHY - Airdrieonians 1 Stirling 3, Alloa 3 Motherwell U21 0, Annan Athletic 2 Berwick 2, Bonnyrigg Rose 2 Rangers U21 1, Clachnacuddin 0 Elgin 2, Cove Rangers 2 Dundee Utd U21 0, Cowdenbeath 1 East Kilbride 3, Cumbernauld Colts 1 Kilmarnock U21 1, Dumbarton 2 Celtic U21 2, East Fife 2 St Mirren U21 5, Forfar 1 Formartine United 0, Fraserburgh 1 Aberdeen U21 1, Hamilton 0 Edinburgh City 1, Kelty Hearts 2 Clydebank 4, Montrose 3 Clyde 0, Peterhead 2 Dundee U21 1, Queen of South 1 Hibernian U21 0, Ross County 4 Banks ODee 0, Spartans 5 Hearts U21 0, Stranraer 3 Gala Fairydean 0.

LA LIGA - Valencia 0 Real Betis 1.

CRICKET

SECOND TEST
Sri Lanka v India

Colombo (day 3 of 5): India 503-9 (138.0 overs; D B Padikkal 117; D C Jurel 115no; R R Pant 63; A M Fernando 4-106); Sri Lanka 265-8 (83.4 overs; S D Gamage 85no; D P S Sooriyabandara 80; M P Krishna 3-47; M J Suthar 3-83).

CYCLING

LA VUELTA: Stage 4 (Andorra La Vella to, 104.8km) - 1 T Pogacar (Slo) UAE Team Emirates-XRG 2h 40m 35s, 2 J Widar (Bel) Lotto-Intermarche +2m 39s, 3 F Gall (Aut) Decathlon CMA CGM Team, 4 O Onley (GB) Netcompany INEOS Cycling Team , 5 S Kuss (US) Visma-Lease a Bike all at same time. **Overall -** 1 Pogacar 7h 38m 59s, 2 P Roglic (Slov) Red Bull-BORA-hansgrohe +3m 21s, 3 E Mas (Spa) Movistar Team +3:32, 4 Kuss +3:44, 5 Onley +3:45. **Today, stage 5** (Costa Daurada to Roquetes, 173.3km).

SNOOKER

WUHAN OPEN (Wuhan, China): **1st Rnd -** A Carter (Eng) bt K Wilson (Eng) 5-4; B Chang (Chn) bt H Liu (Chn) 5-1; J Pang (Chn) bt S Murphy (Eng) 5-3; N Robertson (Aus) bt H Vafaei (Irn) 5-3; R O'Sullivan (Eng) bt P Yao (Chn) 5-1; J Si (Chn) bt D Emery (Wal) 5-1; S Maguire (Sco) bt A Zizins (Lat) 5-4; D Wells (Wal) bt M Holt (Eng) 5-0; B Hawkins (Eng) bt R Day (Wal) 5-3; X Zhao (Chn) bt J Jones (Wal) 5-2; M Selby (Eng) bt G He (Chn) 5-2.

TENNIS

US OPEN (Flushing Meadows, New York): **Mixed Doubles, Qtr-finals -** E Svitolina (Ukr) & G Monfils (Fra) bt K Siniakova (Cze) & H Patten (Gbr) 5-4 (8-6) 4-5 (3-7) 10-8, K Muchova (Cze) & J Mensik (Cze) bt E Navarro (USA) & T Paul (USA) 4-1 5-3.

Qualifying 1st rd, Men - M Antonius (USA) bt H Searle (GB) 6-1 6-2.

Women - H Dart (GB) bt J Hazelitt (USA) 6-0 6-7 (1-7) 6-1; G Maristany (Spa) bt J Burrage (GB) 7-6 (7-1) 6-4; F Jones (Gbr) bt N Brancaccio (Ita) 6-3 6-4.

TODAY'S SPORT

(7.45 unless stated)

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE PLAY-OFF SECOND LEG

AEK Athens (0) v Levski Sofia (0)..8.0
(Live on TNT Sports 4)
CM Celje (1) v S Bratislava (1).... 8.0
Lyon (1) v Fenerbahce (1)..... 8.0
(Live on TNT Sports 1)
Viking FK (2) v D Zagreb (2)..... 8.0
(Live on TNT Sports 2)

CONFERENCE LEAGUE QUALIFYING PLAY-OFF ROUND SECOND LEG

Rapid Vienna (2) v Hearts (2) .. 5.45

CARABAO CUP SECOND ROUND

Bradford v Burnley.....
Newcastle v West Brom.....
Preston v Everton..... 8.0
Tottenham v Charlton.....

NORTHERN PREMIER: AVRO v Leek Tn.

CRICKET

Second Test Match—day 4 of 5: Sri Lanka v India (Colombo, 5.30am).

TENNIS

US Open (Flushing Meadows, New York).
ATP Winston-Salem Open (Winston-Salem, North Carolina).
WTA Monterrey Open (Mexico).

CARABAO CUP LIVE

STRIKE ONE . . . Taiwo Awoniyi scores on his first Coventry start

TAIWO FLYING

By MATT BAMSEY

Plymouth.....2
Coventry.....4

TAIWO AWONIYI starred as Frank Lampard's Coventry survived a plucky Plymouth fightback.

Striker Awoniyi scored on his first Sky Blues start since a £9million switch from Nottingham Forest.

And the Nigerian star set up Jack Rudoni to put Cov two-up inside the first five minutes.

Lamps' boys came flying out of theb blocks after Friday's humbling at Arsenal as Caleb Yirenkyi – one of only two survivors from the 3-0 Emirates defeat – slipped in Awoniyi.

And then Awoniyi sent midfielder Rudoni racing clear to finish.

Winger Joe Mwaro hit back for Tom Cleverley's hosts on 21 minutes, just 24 hours after joining on a season-long loan from Tottenham.

Home Park then erupted as substitute Xavier Ameachi picked Liam Kitching's pocket before blasting a 54th-minute equaliser for 2-2.

But Ephron Mason-Clark came off the Cov bench to make it 3-2 on 67 minutes.

And Victor Torp killed off the League One side with a 78th-minute penalty after Joe Edwards sent Brandon Thomas-Asante tumbling.

Broken Glas

FARKE TRUMPS OLIVER AGAIN

By GRAHAM HILL

Nottm Forest.....0
Leeds.....2

OLIVER GLASNER must be glad he will not have to face Leeds anytime soon.

Chelsea exile Liam Delap is expected to undergo a medical at Nottingham Forest during the next 24 hours, ahead of completing a deal worth £50million.

And Glasner will welcome the extra firepower, after his side failed to find the net again as their Yorkshire visitors won at the City Ground for a second time in three days.

The Austrian was not willing to talk about Delap but did say: "Does this result show we need a signing?

"No, we gave them too many chances and the keeper made some key saves.

"We can't look for excuses, the reality is there was nine months of a relegation battle, we've been together six weeks – I'm not the messiah. We can't live in dreamland."

The new Forest boss has lost both of his opening games in charge.

Dan James and James Justin sealed it this time to guide Leeds into the third round of the Carabao Cup.

The win followed Saturday's 1-0 victory for Daniel Farke's side in their Premier League curtain-raiser.

Chelsea signed striker Delap, 23, from Ipswich for £30m only last year but he only scored one Prem goal.

He was stripped of his No 9 shirt this summer and has been training separately from Xabi Alonso's first team.

Everton also expressed an interest in Delap, but Forest's offer beats the previous club record of £37.5m they paid Ipswich for winger Omari Hutchinson 12 months ago.

Glasner's lads looked set to take the lead after half an hour when Arnaud Kalimuendo raced clear and fed Chris Wood, who nutmegged Leeds debutant Nico Elvedi.

But Joe Rodon came across to tackle Wood and then celebrated like he had scored.

Farke said: "Joe Rodon's first-half tackle was unbelievable and it embodied what Leeds is all about. We give everything for each other."

The Whites broke the deadlock five minutes into the second half with a cool finish from James, who picked his spot after Sean Longstaff put him in.

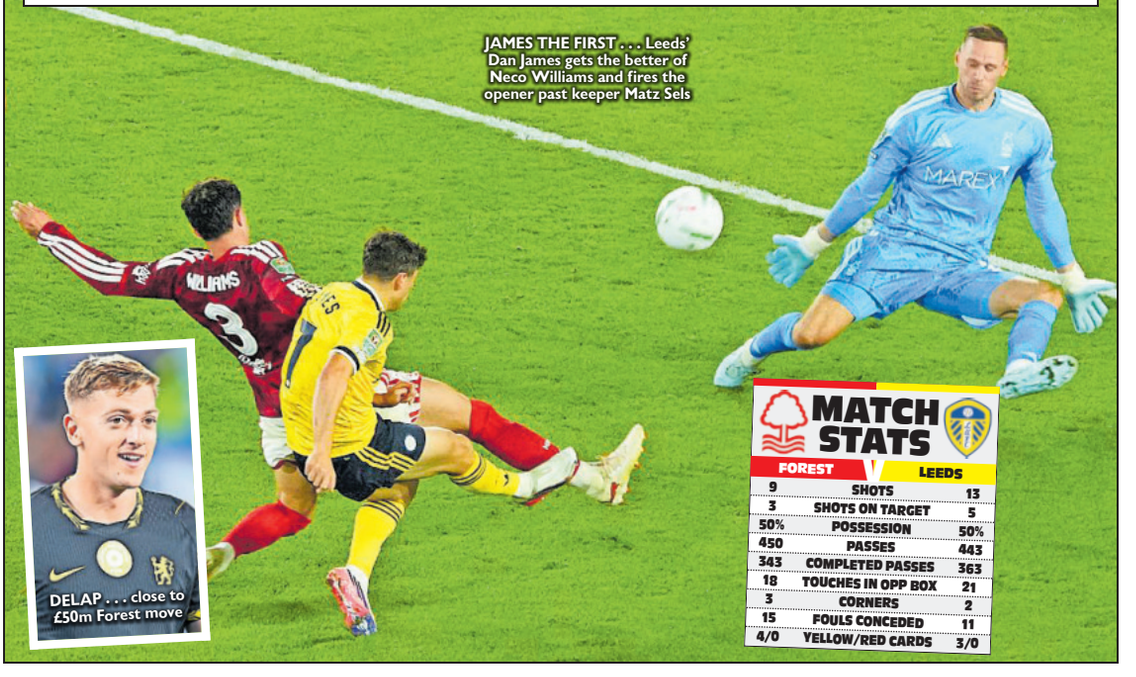
Forest almost equalised moments later but again Wood was frustrated by James Trafford as Leeds fans sang "England's No1".

But Leeds were looking for a second goal and Saturday's match-winner Anton Stach, who came on as a 68th-minute sub, almost grabbed another spectacular goal from long range.

Farke's visitors made sure of the tie with a chaotic second goal.

Lukas Nmecha tried to bundle the ball over the line before Justin made sure after Forest failed to deal with an Ethan Ampadu long throw.

The travelling Leeds fans taunted Glasner with chants of "You're getting sacked in the morning!"



JAMES THE FIRST . . . Leeds' Dan James gets the better of Neco Williams and fires the opener past keeper Matz Sels

DELAP . . . close to £50m Forest move

MATCH STATS

FOREST		LEEDS
9	SHOTS	13
3	SHOTS ON TARGET	5
50%	POSSESSION	50%
450	PASSES	443
343	COMPLETED PASSES	363
18	TOUCHES IN OPP BOX	21
3	CORNERS	2
15	FOULS CONCEDED	11
4/0	YELLOW/RED CARDS	3/0

ACTION AND PREVIEWS

NUNEZ . . . long-ranger

Nun nets a wonder

Ipswich.....3
Leicester.....1

By JON WEST

MARCELINO NUNEZ scored from the centre circle to erase Ipswich fears of yet another cup KO by lower-league opponents.

The Chilean had already fired the Tractor Boys ahead after Olabade Aluko cancelled out Sindre Egeli's opener for Town.

But any hopes League One strugglers Leicester had of taking the game to penalties disappeared when Nunez struck again in stoppage time.

He spotted Foxes keeper Jakub Stolarczyk off his line — and lobbed him from 50 yards, the ball going in off the crossbar.

Ipswich boss Gary O'Neil said: "I didn't think it was the best decision... but if you put it in the goal, no-one can argue."

Bromley, Wimbledon, Colchester and Newport had all toppled Ipswich in recent Carabao campaigns but Leicester could not.

Ipswich scored in the 62nd minute with Egeli's tap-in but the Foxes levelled within five minutes through Aluko's flick.

Nunez made it 2-1 with a 20-yarder and sealed it from much further out.

Shirt fits for Ajala

Southampton....1
West Ham.....4

By GRAHAM NICKLESS

TEEN ace Josh Ajala stole the show in the iconic 66 shirt for West Ham.

Boss Nuno Espirito Santo made eight changes to the team beaten by Charlton at the weekend.

But they still had too much talent with ex-Chelsea kid Ajala, 19, shining on his full debut.

Many say the Hammers won the 1966 World Cup with Geoff Hurst's hat-trick and Martin Peters' goal for the team famously led by Bobby Moore.

And No 66 Ajala excelled after the hosts' early opener from Leo Scienza.

Ajala nodded home when Saints keeper Daniel Peretz flapped at a corner. Then he pounced on Jack Stephens' poor clearance on 57 minutes.

Sub Taty Castellanos slotted the third on 75 minutes — leaving fellow substitute Jarrod Bowen to complete the rout.

BEE-TING

Brum get stung in romp

WIL POWER . . . Callum Wilson after he put Brentford ahead in the sixth minute

MATCH STATS

BIRMINGHAM		BRENTFORD
8	SHOTS	17
2	SHOTS ON TARGET	8
31%	POSSESSION	69%
238	PASSES	521
155	COMPLETED PASSES	435
6	TOUCHES IN OPP BOX	33
4	CORNERS	6
9	FOULS CONCEDED	12
2/0	YELLOW/RED CARDS	1/0

Birmingham.....1
Brentford.....6

By TIM NASH

GOAL-HAPPY Brentford continued where they left off against Spurs as they knocked poor Birmingham for six.

After hammering Roberto De Zerbi's Tottenham 3-0 at the weekend, the Bees gave Brum the bum's rush.

Golden oldie Callum Wilson, 34, started the rout.

He took just six minutes to net after his summer move from West Ham.

The 2025 EFL Cup winner with Newcastle stroked a 25-yard shot beyond Ryan Allsop after Yehor Yarmoliuk won the ball high up.

Delighted Bees boss Keith Andrews said: "We've got goals from different areas of the team now.

"It's going to be important to do that as the season goes on.

"What impressed me most was the way we competed, the spirit of the group and the impact of the players coming in."

Demarai Gray levelled for the Championship side with a stinging 20-yarder from Paik Seung-ho's short free-kick.

But from then on it was all one-way traffic.

Aaron Hickey put the Premier League outfit back in front on 35 minutes when his snapshot went in off the post after Dael Fry's poor clearing header.

Five minutes later Nathan Collins glanced home from Jaidon Anthony's cross.

Brentford, who made eight changes from the weekend win, continued to dominate.

And three goals in seven minutes exposed the gulf in class – the first two on the break started by Vitaly Janelt.

Mikkel Damsgaard tapped home No4 after sub Igor Thiago dummied Anthony's delivery on 70 minutes.

Then Thiago tapped home Anthony's cross after Janelt's ball inside Alex Cochrane.

Collins' header made it 6-1 from sub Mamadou Sangare's cross with 13 minutes left.

SAVED BY THE BELL

HEROES . . . Hull's shootout stars Mo Belloumi and Dillon Phillips

Stoke.....1
Hull.....1
HULL WIN 5-4 ON PENALTIES

By RUSSELL STODDART

SUPERSUB Mohamed Belloumi hit the decisive penalty in a tense shootout as Hull ended a six-year wait for a League Cup win.

Tigers keeper Dillon Phillips set up the victory saving low down from Stoke sub George Hirst who was the only one to miss from the spot.

Earlier, Hull allowed Sorba Thomas too much time and space to pick out Robert Bozenik who outmuscled Paddy McNair at the back post on 39 minutes.

Yet Stoke could not hold on until the break though and moments after Liam Millar fluffed a great chance, his precision cross was lashed home by Kieran Dowell.

David Akintola should have given the visitors the lead when released by Millar but after rounding the keeper Josh Griffiths, he could only fire into the side-netting.

But Sergej Jakirovic's Prem new boys held their nerve.

CARDIFF fielded their youngest-ever player, as Noah Anyadike featured against Norwich, aged 15 years and 98 days. Unfortunately for him, he went off injured in a 2-1 defeat.

SURPRISED . . . Everton boss Moyes

David: Prem over cups

By KEN LAWRENCE

DAVID MOYES thinks Premier League security is still his No 1 priority — despite demands to end Everton's 32-YEAR trophy drought.

The Toffees boss heads back to Preston – where his managerial career began in 1998 – after Blues CEO Angus Kinnear publicly challenged him to deliver a place in Europe and go hard for domestic silverware.

Kinnear, who declared Everton owners the Friedkin Group saw last season as a "failure" because it ran out of steam, said: "Newcastle United and Crystal Palace have shown what is achievable.

"We have definitely had discussions with David about how we use the Carabao Cup and the FA Cup to give something for the fans to cheer, get behind, and be proud of."

Moyes, 63, admitted he was "surprised" by the comments and questioned whether Kinnear was right by wondering: "Is winning a cup more important than staying in the Premier League?"

The Scot took flak after making seven changes for last season's 2-0 Carabao Cup third-round defeat by Wolves. His selections are under scrutiny again for this second-round clash at Deepdale.

Moyes added: "Tyler Dibling is playing better, Michael Keane and Jake O'Brien are around.

"We've a lot of players who could be classed as first-team players."

Preston are 21st in the Championship but boss Paul Heckingbottom is excited about the cup, saying: "We have got a good draw.

"One of the top sides in at this stage, at home, I'm looking forward to it."

Preston v Everton
8pm sky sports

NO LOOKING BACK . . . Newcastle's Jaissle

Jaissle past caring for Toon

By IAN MURTAGH

MATTHIAS JAISSLE wants his own special relationship with the Carabao Cup.

Former Newcastle boss Eddie Howe boasted a stunning record of 18 wins in 22 games – including last year's Wembley triumph that ended the club's 70-year wait for a major domestic trophy.

The Geordies have reached at least the semi-finals in three of the last four seasons.

They lost the 2022-23 final to Manchester United and went out in the semis to eventual winners Manchester City back in February.

New chief Jaissle wants to continue Toon's love affair with the trophy – starting tonight against West Brom at St James'.

But he intends to do it by looking forward and not to the past.

The German, 38, turned down offers from club officials to watch highlights of the 2-1 win over Liverpool at Wembley in March 2025.

He has also not seen footage of the open-top bus parade, when more than 200,000 ecstatic fans lined the streets to greet their heroes.

Jaissle said: "They tried to convince me but it was not needed. It's gone. The Carabao Cup is a big competition in the history of the club.

"We are aware of that and we are looking forward to the tie."

West Brom thumped Rotherham 4-1 in the first round and have won both of their opening Championship matches.

Baggies boss James Morrison, 40, said: "I'm excited to go up against a top side like Newcastle.

"They've quality all over the pitch but we can put up a good challenge."

Newcastle v West Brom
7.45pm talkSPORT

El of a deal

BRENTFORD are closing in on West Ham left-back El Hadji Malick Diouf.

The Bees have already seen a £35million bid for the Senegalese *(right)* rejected, with the relegated Irons holding out for £40m.

Diouf, 21, joined the Hammers from Slavia Prague last summer.

Villa action on Jackson

By JACK ROSSER

ASTON VILLA are targeting Chelsea's £65million-rated striker Nicolas Jackson — after their move for Crystal Palace's Jean-Philippe Mateta fell flat.

Villa have identified Jackson, 25, as a replacement for Ollie Watkins, who is nearing a move to Al-Hilal.

The Saudi side are confident a deal for the England man, 30, can be agreed, despite having a number of bids snubbed.

Watkins is back in training after missing the 4-0 defeat at Brighton.

Villa's £25m offer for Palace's wantaway striker Mateta, 29, was well below the Eagles' £40m valuation. So they have switched their attention to Jackson *(above)*, who worked with boss Unai Emery at Villarreal.

The Senegal World Cup star spent last season on loan at Bayern Munich and is training away from the Blues' first team.

Villa are prepared to meet Chelsea's asking price but want to pay a lower initial fee.

NEWS TICKER

BOURNEMOUTH have signed Juventus keeper Michele Di Gregorio on a season-long loan.

Di Gregorio, 29, who started his career at Inter, said: "The Premier League is the most beautiful league in the world. It's an honour."

WONDERKID keeper Phoenix Blayney is the latest addition to Arsenal's thriving academy.

The Northern Ireland prospect, 15, will join the Gunners next summer from Larne FC.

Blayney has signed a pre-contract agreement to pen pro terms with the club when he turns 17.

BRIGHTON shelled out £10.3million to pluck Jaouen Hadjam from Swiss Super League side Young Boys.

The 21-cap Algeria full-back, 23, becomes the Seagulls' **EIGHTH** signing of the summer.

Nico-Tyne high

NICO GONZALEZ travelled to Tyneside yesterday to complete his £50million move to Newcastle after just 18 months at Manchester City.

And, providing there are no hitches with his medical, the 24-year-old will be handed his debut at Tottenham on Saturday night.

He becomes the seventh and most significant signing of a frantic summer for the Geordies.

New Toon boss Matthias Jaissle is still looking to bring in at least one more player before Tuesday's transfer deadline.

CARABAO CUP PREVIEW

TOTT'S IN A NAME?

Savio switch not RDZ's biggest issue

By ROB MAUL

ROBERTO DE ZERBI does not care why Savio changed his name before his £85million arrival at Tottenham.

All Spurs' Italian boss wants to change are the bad habits he inherited in his dressing room, particularly the losing ones.

The Brazilian winger, 22 — formerly known as Savinho — has been recruited from Manchester City as Tottenham eye a belated lift-off under De Zerbi *(right)*.

They survived relegation on the final day of last season and have splashed £300m-plus this summer to avoid a repeat.

Some fans were baffled by the decision to change the moniker on the back of his shirt to his birth name of Savio.

In 2024, he said his national team put Savinho on his shirt and he asked City to keep it for luck.

Now the attacker, full name Savio Moreira de Oliveira, will have Savio on his No17 shirt.

But Tottenham's beating at Brentford is still RDZ's No1 issue.

He said: "I lost 3-0 to Brentford in the first game in the Premier League.

"Do you think for me it's a problem if Savinho becomes Savio? If Enrico [technical coach Venturelli] becomes Savinho, then it's a problem. If Savinho goes to Savio, nothing changes for me."

Tottenham v Charlton
7.45pm, sky sports

Spurs will be heavy favourites at home to Championship Charlton in tonight's Carabao Cup second round tie — and had De Zerbi not kept them up last season, this could have been a league match this season, too.

RDZ said: "We have to find the conditions to become a team quickly.

"We have to work in the connections, in the relationships, in the style of play, to find a soul as a team. We didn't show any of these characteristics on Saturday.

"I would like to win five games in a row, changing the habits.

"Because we're maybe not now, but in a few weeks, we'll be ready to win three, four, five in a row.

"I said to the players that last season, in a worse situation, we showed character, balls and pride.

"We have to stay calm and to analyse the situation. Don't have an emotional reaction, that's not good."

De Zerbi, 47, accepts the club's summer splurge will bring a weight of expectation. But he said: "I felt pressure from the first day of working in football because I put pressure on myself. I don't feel pressure about the transfer market.

"I feel pressure because I'm working in one of the best clubs in the world, and I'd like to help the club to compete for titles."

James Maddison suffered a slight fracture of his shoulder after a fall in the Brentford beating but scans have shown minor damage and the playmaker, 29, is due to return within two weeks.

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Add big scalp

By TONY LITTLE

CHARLTON boss Nathan Jones hopes to catch Spurs cold tonight — and complete a huge London double.

The Addicks head to Roberto De Zerbi's Premier League giants in the Carabao Cup — four days after shocking Championship favourites West Ham 2-1.

Jones insists Tottenham's 3-0 weekend humbling at Brentford is no reflection on a squad that took their summer signing past £300million by signing Savio.

The Welshman, 53, said: "Tottenham will quickly turn into the fluent team he normally produces.

"But hopefully they continue not to be up to speed and we can take advantage.

"They are a fantastic team. Player-for-player, we can't compete with Tottenham.

"We have to be the best version of ourselves."

£85M BUY

From Back Page

the second season in Brighton. I've known him for a long time. He's special. In one-to-one, he's one of the best in the world."

Tottenham's summer spending has now hit £304.5m — and will go even higher if Marmoush *(left)* arrives.

Savio scored just two goals in 53 Prem appearances in two seasons at City. De Zerbi added: "The other best wingers in the world, they score ten-15 goals per season.

"He has the qualities. He must become one of the key players, become better and take more responsibility."

Savio said: "It's a wonderful opportunity at a brilliant club with one of the best managers in the world.

"As soon as I spoke to him, I knew I had to come."

PREM

BLUES HAVE COLE THREAT

BACK TO THE FUTURE . . . Chelsea's new triple threat of Pedro, Palmer and Rogers are already being compared to their title-winning icons Drogba, Duff and Robben (left)

Chelsea swagger

FRONT THREE GIVE RIVALS SWEATY PALMS

By **LLOYD CANFIELD**

FOR the first time in a long while, Chelsea have the most-threatening front three in the Premier League.

After Joao Pedro, Morgan Rogers and Cole Palmer scored in Monday night's thrilling 3-2 win over Fulham, rival fans are sweating at the thought of their team trying to stop them.

The trio, under new boss Xabi Alonso, are already drawing comparisons with Jose Mourinho's forward line, which he established upon his arrival at Stamford Bridge in the summer of 2004.

Mourinho stuck powerhouse striker Didier Drogba up top, with Arjen Robben and Damien Duff flying down either flank.

The self-styled Special One essentially heralded the era of the three-pronged attack that now dominates the Premier League.

And Alonso is doing things his way by playing two No10s behind a striker – rather than the now-conventional system of a central No9 flanked by two widemen with a No10 between them, like at Arsenal and Liverpool.

Blues fans are not the only ones getting excited about seeing Pedro, Rogers and Palmer.

Brazilian Pedro, 24, who scored the opener after just **31 SECONDS** at Craven Cottage, said: "Cole and Morgan are special players – everyone knows that.

"I'm very grateful to play with them because I know if I make some runs like I did, Cole and Morgan are going to give the ball to me and I have to be ready to score. It's very special.

"If we move a lot, it will be difficult for defenders to pick us up because they can't focus on one player. The manager lets us be free on the pitch and we understand each other well. I will enjoy this season with Morgan."

Chelsea's lack of an attacking threat is a big reason they have not won a Prem title since the 2016-17 season.

Back then they had a front line of Diego Costa, Eden Hazard and Willian, which Antonio Conte employed as he took the Blues from tenth the year before to champions.

And fans are quietly hopeful of that happening again this season under Alonso, 44.

In the 2004-05 season, Drogba scored ten Prem goals, Robben bagged seven and Duff six.

Frank Lampard added another 13 from midfield as the Blues ended their 50-year title drought. A decade ago, Hazard scored 16 top-flight goals, Costa got 20, while Willian and Spaniard Pedro rattled in a further 17 between them.

Last term, Joao Pedro scored 15 times and it was easy to identify him as the main threat, with Palmer and Enzo Fernandez wanting to occupy the same areas.

Palmer, 24, disappointed last year with ten Prem goals and did not score for almost three full months.

But against the Cottagers, he and Pedro bagged a goal and an assist each after having the summer off following their World Cup snubs by England and Brazil.

British-record £117million signing Rogers, also 24, looked good too following his move from Aston Villa. Palmer set up Pedro's first-minute opener – equalling his assist tally for the whole of last season.

Pedro added: "The summer was very good because I didn't go to the World Cup, so I had time to recover, relax and be ready.

"When you play for Chelsea, you always need to look for the biggest trophies and it was a great game to show our power.

"Everyone wants to be at Chelsea. It's a pleasure to play here."

Liam Delap, 23, did not have much joy at Chelsea and last night Nottingham Forest agreed a £50m deal for the exiled striker.

And midfielder Omari Kellyman, 20, has joined the Blues' sister club Strasbourg for an undisclosed fee, with a reported buy-back option.

THREE-MENDOUS
BLUES TRIO v FULHAM

	Palmer	Pedro	Rogers
Minutes	83	90	82
Goals	1	1	1
Assists	1	1	0
Shots	5	4	3
Touches in opp box	9	8	5
Chances created	3	2	5

MARTINELLI . . . sale

Martinelli on way to Saudi

By SIMON COLLINGS

ARSENAL are close to selling Gabriel Martinelli to Saudi side Al-Hilal.

The Brazilian winger will fetch at least £50million — a club-record sale.

Martinelli, 25, can look forward to a rise on his £180,000-a-week wages if he gives the green light to the move.

He is surplus to requirements at the Emirates and was left out of the squads for Arsenal's first two games of the season.

Martinelli — in the last year of his Gunners deal — turned down an offer from Galatasaray.

Arsenal's club-record sale was made back in 2017, when they sold Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain to Liverpool for £35m.

Meanwhile, Bruno Guimaraes wants to get TATTOOS of the Champions League and Premier League trophies.

The midfielder, 28, moved to the Gunners from Newcastle this month for £75million.

Guimaraes already has a tattoo of the Toon's Carabao Cup triumph last year.

And asked what prizes he wanted to add with his new club, he said: "I would say the Premier League and Champions League would be special.

"I don't know where they [the tattoos] would go. On my legs probably."

BRAD

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£75m, is wanted by Manchester City — as revealed by Sun Sport — and Spurs.

Barcola has been Liverpool's No1 target since Mo Salah left on a free transfer for Trabzonspor.

Kop boss Andoni Iraola has signed £34.5m Victor Munoz from Osasuna.

But Iraola said prior to Sunday's 2-2 opening-weekend clash with Newcastle he "needed more wingers".

PSG football adviser Luis Campos hinted on French TV over the weekend a breakthrough was close.

He said: "The transfer window isn't over, it's important to defend PSG and the institution.

"You mentioned Barcola and Ibrahim Mbaye . . . we'll see what happens."

The Reds have weighed up a move for 18-year-old PSG forward Mbaye — rated at £60m.

Liverpool also had two bids — with the latest at £60m — turned down by Brighton for wideman Yankuba Minteh last week.

Minteh, 22, has said Anfield would be his preferred destination if the Seagulls were to sell him.

PREMIER LEAGUE FOCUS ON

BALEBA...

Carlos pressure to 'do a Carrick' and win title in first Reds season

CARLOS BALEBA need look no further than his new manager for the inspiration to be a title winner at Manchester United.

By SAMUEL LUCKHURST
MANCHESTER UNITED CORRESPONDENT

It is 20 years since Michael Carrick joined the Red Devils from Tottenham in an £18.6million move.

And current boss Carrick's most consequential signing this summer is another deep-lying midfielder.

Baleba, 22, arrived from Brighton for £70m including add-ons – a year after United first enquired about signing the Cameroonian.

It begs the question why United waited until the final week of the transfer window to sign him.

But their midfield overhaul is now complete – with Youri Tielemans and Andrey Santos also arriving at Old Trafford this summer.

Towards the end of last season United also tied down England star Kobbie Mainoo, 21, on a contract until 2031.

The pressure on Baleba is huge. No player in his position has proved such a game-changer in terms of helping the club to fulfil their ambitions since Carrick's arrival in 2006.

Sir Alex Ferguson needed to strengthen his midfield at the time with United having been unable to win the Premier League title in three successive seasons.

Carrick proved the final piece in the jigsaw as they were crowned champions in his first season

And along with Owen Hargreaves who arrived the following summer, Carrick was pivotal in the Red Devils finishing top of the pile in five of Fergie's final seven seasons in charge – as well as winning the Champions League in 2008 – before his retirement in 2013.

United have made headline signings for their engine room since those two – Marouane Fellaini, Paul Pogba, Fred, Casemiro and Manuel Ugarte among them.

But none of them have been able to help United to their former Premier League heights.

Pogba was Baleba's idol.

But, hopefully, there will be none of the constant problems Pogba caused in trying to force an exit during his second six-year stint at United.

Baleba's arrival is recognition that Santos – signed from Chelsea for £50m – does not offer all of the solutions to the Red Devils' problem No6 position.

Santos does not have Baleba's physicality and United's need for a specialist defensive midfielder saw them make a fresh enquiry to Real Madrid for Frenchman Aurelien Tchouameni last month.

Baleba commanded a cheaper fee and salary than Tchouameni would have done – and has the benefit of three years of Prem experience.

Director of football Jason Wilcox said: "Carlos' determination to join Manchester United and his confidence we will achieve our shared ambitions mean he's the perfect signing."

Baleba was impressed by United's vision for his development and was made to feel wanted.

He had briefly spoken with Carrick and been deep in conversation with Matheus Cunha after United's 3-0 win at Brighton on the final day of last season.

Even though the Seagulls had just finished in the Conference League spot, Baleba had set his sights higher.

He will get Champions League football at United and believes he is an ideal fit having adapted to the Prem's speed and physicality over the past three campaigns.

Baleba completed Carrick's rebuild for the new season.

Bruno Fernandes' future has been a point of discussion for months and was last night crowned United's first PFA Player of the Year since Wayne Rooney in 2010.

While the Portuguese midfielder possesses enough individual accolades to fill a skip, he is finding team medals harder to come by.

He has won just two trophies in nearly seven years with United – although they have also lost two European finals in that time.

Fernandes can no longer complain the squad is lacking.

United may be unconvincing at the back but they have nine fit senior defenders and Baleba's arrival gives the squad greater balance.

Fernandes was close to Casemiro, the predecessor in Baleba's position before his departure in the summer.

While Baleba does not quite have the presence of five-time Champions League winner Casemiro, he is more athletic and dynamic than the Brazilian.

Fernandes turns 32 in September and his contract expires next year.

United will almost certainly trigger a one-year extension until 2028 – unless they furnish Fernandes with a new deal before then.

The Red Devils have targeted 2028 – the 150th anniversary of the club – to end their long wait for a title.

Sealing a 21st United title would not only be the perfect send-off for Fernandes, it would seal his status as a legendary figure at the club.

Even before Saturday's horror show at Hull – that saw them start the campaign with a shock 2-0 defeat – this season feels too soon for United to be crowned champions.

But they should have little trouble in convincing Fernandes to agree to new terms.

He will have some leverage in terms of his salary however – particularly with the return of Marcus Rashford, the club's highest earner despite having made his last start for United in December 2024.

United have made no secret they want their salary structure to ensure their best player is also their highest earner.

The PFA award underlines Fernandes' status.

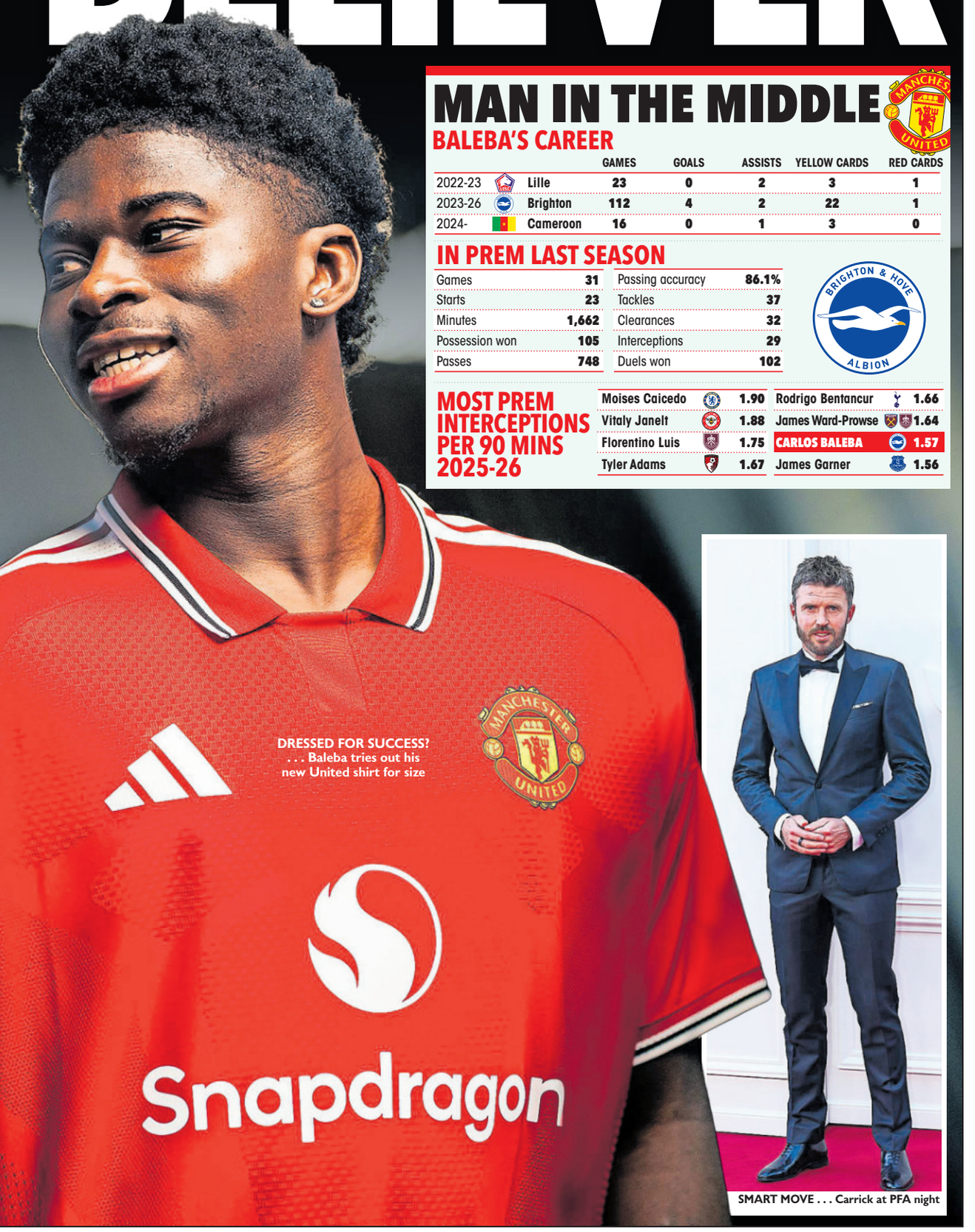
But he is another man who can be inspired by Carrick in his quest for a Prem title.

SWEET SIXTEEN . . . Ferguson unveils a fresh-faced Carrick in 2006

GLORY BOY . . . Carrick after the first of his five Prem titles in 2017

UNITED'S £70M SIGNING

BELIEVER



DRESSED FOR SUCCESS? . . . Baleba tries out his new United shirt for size

MAN IN THE MIDDLE

BALEBA'S CAREER

		GAMES	GOALS	ASSISTS	YELLOW CARDS	RED CARDS
2022-23	Lille	23	0	2	3	1
2023-26	Brighton	112	4	2	22	1
2024-	Cameroon	16	0	1	3	0

IN PREM LAST SEASON

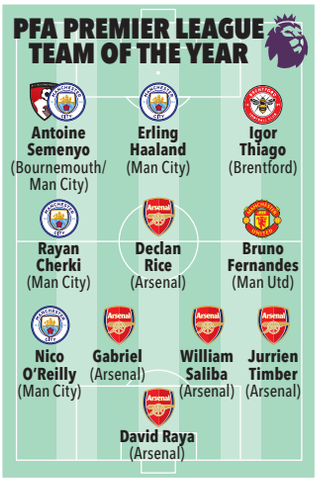
Games	31	Passing accuracy	86.1%
Starts	23	Tackles	37
Minutes	1,662	Clearances	32
Possession won	105	Interceptions	29
Passes	748	Duels won	102

MOST PREM INTERCEPTIONS PER 90 MINS 2025-26

Moises Caicedo	1.90	Rodrigo Bentancur	1.66
Vitaly Janelt	1.88	James Ward-Prowse	1.64
Florentino Luis	1.75	CARLOS BALEBA	1.57
Tyler Adams	1.67	James Garner	1.56

SMART MOVE . . . Carrick at PFA night

PFA PREMIER LEAGUE TEAM OF THE YEAR



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record with 21 last term, pipped Declan Rice and Erling Haaland and became the first United player since Wayne Rooney in 2010 to win the PFA award.

The Portuguese playmaker received his gong from ex-Old Trafford star Juan Mata with United boss Michael Carrick also at the ceremony.

He said: "It was a special season individually for me. I'm proud the players decided to vote for me.

"I am very happy, because assisting means someone is getting goals.

"Obviously, we don't play tennis – that we play for ourselves.

"We play football for the team, our club and fans."

United host Ipswich on Sunday hoping to bounce back from a shock 2-0 opening-weekend defeat at Hull.

Fernandes said: "We've got a game we want to win – it's as simple as that. We're not thinking too much about the ones that have gone."

Cameroon midfielder Baleba, signed for £65million with £5m in add-ons, has penned a five-year contract.

He is currently sidelined with an ankle injury suffered in pre-season.

Baleba, 22, said: "It is an incredible feeling to join the club of my dreams.

"Playing at Old Trafford is always special. The opportunity to do so as a United player will be a real honour.

"The ambition of everyone at the club is extremely clear, the future is hugely exciting."

Manchester City's Nico O'Reilly, 21, was named young player of the year.

Five Arsenal title winners are in the Premier League team of the year.

Bunny Shaw won the women's player of the year award after her 21 goals for WSL champions Manchester City.

Luckhurst on Bruno's win

SCAN HERE

Fab Gab's bow close

By SAMUEL LUCKHURST

THERE is a growing expectation at Manchester United that teenage sensation JJ Gabriel will make his first-team debut this season.

Gabriel, 15, scored a superb lob on his Under-21 bow in the 5-0 thrashing of Ipswich on Monday.

The forward trained with senior Red Devils players in pre-season and came on in a 2-1 win over Atletico Madrid in Stockholm on August 1.

He returned to the academy last week as United have a full first-team squad.

But he is set for more exposure as they look to ensure he signs a pre-contract agreement when he turns 16 on October 6 – he cannot sign a professional deal until his 17th birthday.

David Gaskell is United's youngest debutant – playing in the 1956 Charity Shield, aged 16 years and 19 days.

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Red alert at £135m Brad

By KEN LAWRENCE

LIVERPOOL are in crunch talks with Paris Saint-Germain over landing French superstar Bradley Barcola.

Champions League holders PSG want **£135MILLION** for the 23-year-old forward *(right)* – but there has been a gap in valuation between the clubs.

Barcola is keen to join but time is running out ahead of Tuesday's deadline.

Should the Reds land Barcola, after a summer-long pursuit, it should signal the exit of forward Cody Gakpo.

The Dutchman, valued at around

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RDZ is so Savi with £85m buy

By ROB MAUL

ROBERTO DE ZERBI finally nabbed Savio for Spurs — in an £85million swoop after a three-year chase.

And striker Omar Marmoush could be following him from Manchester City before Saturday's clash with Newcastle.

Tottenham's Italian boss RDZ tried to sign Savio when he was Brighton chief.

The Brazilian winger *(left)*, 22, is eligible for tonight's Carabao Cup second-round home tie with Charlton.

And De Zerbi said: "I'm excited for Savio because I wanted him from

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ROOT . . . 'hacked off'

A kick up the Carse

By JOHN ETHERIDGE

FURIOUS Joe Root is "really hacked off" at Brydon Carse becoming the latest England cricketer caught up in an off-field scandal.

The captain is livid at another humiliating incident taking the gloss off beating Pakistan.

He said Carse was full of remorse and has apologised.

But Root fumed: "If I'm brutally honest, I'm really hacked off.

"I'm really disappointed that, after last week's performance, we're sat here talking about something not related to that at all.

"Clearly, we are not portraying ourselves how we want. We keep making stupid mistakes

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PAIR UNITED IN MIDFIELD

BRUNO FERNANDES hailed Manchester United's £70million signing Carlos Baleba after completing a clean sweep by being voted men's PFA Players' Player of the Year.

The Red Devils captain collected the accolade at Manchester's Opera House to add to the Premier League and Football Writers' Association awards.

It came on the day fellow midfielder Baleba, 22, joined the "club of my

By CHARLIE WYETT

dreams" after arriving from Brighton. Fernandes, 31, beamed: "He's an energetic player, strong physically, who can push us up the pitch, driving the ball.

"He's very young and exciting, and I think the club has been following him for two years. It is a very good moment for the club and the fans will love him."

Fernandes, who broke the Prem assists

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PFA winner buzzing at £70m Baleba signing

BRU HAHA

EYES ON THE PRIZE . . . Bruno can't wait to link up with new team-mate Baleba (left)

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Con return delayed

CONSTITUTION HILL will not make his eagerly awaited return to action at Windsor on Saturday.

The nine-year-old is reported in excellent shape and was entered for the August Stakes this weekend, but Nicky Henderson (*right*) has voiced his concerns given the dry summer ground.

Although there is the possibility of thunderstorms later this week, his trainer has made an early call on the former hurdling king's participation, stating he will instead run in the Group 3 September Stakes at Kempton the following weekend.

By PETER GOMM

Henderson said: "Having spoken to several jockeys who rode at Windsor last night, and Charlie Rees [clerk of the course], the chances of the ground being suitable on Saturday are highly unlikely."

DYLAN TAKEN TO HOSPITAL

IRISH champion jockey Dylan McMonagle was taken to hospital after a horror fall in the opening mile maiden at Bellewstown last night. He was conscious when leaving the track but was taken to Drogheda hospital. His horse Mosel slipped a furlong out after clipping heels. The card was abandoned after the second race.

Gr-eight plan foiled

BEORMA'S winning run came to a screaming halt at Stratford last night.

Dan Skelton's (*below*) seven-year-old mare had won a stunning seven races on the spin over hurdles and fences since striking at Worcester back in late May.

She had been given a midsummer break before her comeback at Stratford in the two-mile handicap chase and was sent off the 4-9 favourite.

By CALLUM JAMIESON

But after a couple of shuddering mistakes, she was quickly pulled-up before the seventh fence.

Beorma would have tied the modern day record of eight consecutive wins in handicaps with another victory had she prevailed.

The race was won by 5-1 shot Duke Of Luckley for Martin Keighley. Skelton has been in red-hot form this summer and has 71 wins under his belt.

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BOLD PLAY

Shout can make a big noise at Newbury

HOT FANCY . . . Bold Shout can follow up his easy win at Salisbury with another victory at Newbury for Clive Cox (*right*)

By TEMPLEGATE (Steve Mullen)

I'VE got a BOLD SHOUT at Newbury (7.00, nap).

Clive Cox has a well-handicapped three-year-old on his hands and this looks a great chance for another victory.

The handicapper has been on the lenient side in giving this son of Starman an opening mark of 70.

That's despite him running out a very easy winner at Salisbury last time out.

He sat close to the pace and jockey Hector Couch barely had to move a muscle as he cleared right away to win by just under four lengths.

That looked a better performance than a mark of 70. He had lots left in the tank so moving up a furlong looks a wise move and there should be plenty more to come.

Cox is having a decent run and can add to his winning tally with this improver.

Lion Of Mali looks the obvious danger but he has been beaten favourite the last twice.

Templegate's treble and tips — Page 3

FIRST PAST THE POST FOR RACING

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. . . SEVEN DAYS A WEEK!

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GOING: GOOD

2.15 YORKSHIRE DALES DISTILLERY/EBF MAIDEN STAKES (Class 4); 2-y-o; winner £5,400; 5f. (9 runners)

1 (7) 79 **NEVERBEATDESWALKER 42** M Walford 9-4 **Jack Garritty 72**
2 (8) 0244 **SHANIKO 19 (H)** C Lidster 9-2 **Daniel Tudhope ●99**
3 (1) **MUGHEER** K R Burke 9-1 **Clifford Lee —**
4 (3) 5 **NORTH COATES 10** M & D Easterby 9-1 **Billy Garritty 77**
5 (6) 9 **REDROSECASTANA 18** C Kellett 9-1 **Mark Winn 70**
6 (4) 8304225 **ROMIDIJO 17** C Clover 8-13 **Sam James 96**
7 (2) 9 **SCOTTYS ROCKET 37** B Ellison 8-13 **Andrew Mullen 74**
8 (5) **GHAZALIA** H Kobeissi 8-10 **Sean D Bowen —**
9 (9) 30 **PURRISTA 19** G Tutty 8-10 **Connor Beasley 86**

BETTING: 6-5 Mugheer, 9-4 Shaniko, 4 Romidijo, 10 Ghazalia, 20 Purrista
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 4 1 1 1 1
2025: The Lost Sock 9-7 Callum Rodriguez 4-7 Fav (R Varian) drawn 6, 7 ran.

2.45 BERBER LEATHER MAIDEN STAKES (GBB RACE) (4); value to the winner £5,400; 7f. (8 runners)

1 (5) 0069950 **AURORA'S DOUBLESIX 13 (H)** B Rothwell 4-9-7 **Faye McManoman 70**
2 (3) 7 **KHANIMAMBO 18** D & N Barron 3-9-7 **David Nolan 78**
3 (6) **SKEWSBY** M & D Easterby 3-9-7 **Billy Garritty —**
4 (2) 70 **DREAMADERA 123** T Easterby 3-9-2 **Duran Fentiman 73**
5 (4) 28-2325 **LADY GORMIRE 27** M Dods 3-9-2 **Connor Beasley ●99**
6 (8) 544 **MOONLIGHT MELODY 46** D McCain 3-9-2 **David Allan 96**
7 (7) 732 **ROYALE UNION 23** K R Burke 3-9-2 **Clifford Lee 98**
8 (1) 73-2555 **SOCA STAR 8** S Spencer 3-9-2 **Dale Swift 93**

BETTING: 11-8 Royale Union, 3 Lady Gormire, 7-2 Moonlight Melody, 5 Soca Star
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED and 2025: No corresponding race.

3.15 HAPPY 50TH BIRTHDAY VICTORIA MELLING HANDICAP (6); winner £3,664; 6f. (6 runners)

1 (3) 8-71143 **RUN THIS WAY 81 (B;D)** P Midgley 8-9-9 **David Nolan 97**
2 (4) 51-0028 **MISS WILLOWS 12 (C)** S Whitaker 7-9-8 **Joanna Mason 84**
3 (5) 8210147 **BARMYBLADE 9 (CD)** T Easterby 4-9-8 **David Allan 92**
4 (2) -283769 **OVERBUDGET 19** M Appleby 3-9-8 **Andrew Mullen 88**
5 (1) -052218 **POWERNAP 48 (C)** J Bedi 3-9-4 **Dougie Costello 97**
6 (6) 2221533 **BATTENBURG BELLE 22 (CD)** R Menzies 3-8-12 **Jason Hart ●99**

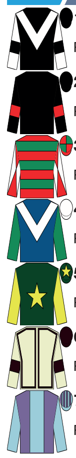
BETTING: 6-4 Run This Way, 4 Battenburg Belle, 5 Powernap, 6 Overbudget, Barmyblade, 12 Miss Willows
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 abd 4-6 2 2
2025: Quercus 8-9-6 Oisin McSweeney 6-1 (Mrs A Duffield) drawn 2, 9 ran.

3.45 HATS OF YORKSHIRE HANDICAP (6); value to the winner £3,664; 1m 6f. (8 runners)

1 (6) 740-653 **ANIMATO J39 (V;C)** D McCain 7-9-12 **David Nolan 92**
2 (2) -693656 **ZEPHLYN 22 (C)** E Whillans 7-9-11 **Jason Hart 92**
3 (3) 68-7645 **MR WITHINGTON 15 (B)** E Whillans 5-9-6 **Connor Beasley 94**
4 (8) 8901 **NIFFLER 6** Sir M Prescott 3-9-1(6ex) **Luke Morris ●99**
5 (4) -638427 **FAIRYDALE 15 (V★)** T Easterby 3-9-0 **David Allan 96**
6 (1) 46-P054 **THIS RIB 28** D Loughnane 3-9-0 **Joanna Mason 88**
7 (5) 55-5484 **MANBEARPIG 11** R Menzies 3-8-12 **Faleh Bughanaim 92**
8 (7) 70-5683 **LILYKOY 35 (B★)** D Cunha 3-8-8 **Alex Jary (3) 95**

BETTING: 8-11 Niffler, 7 Zephlyn, 8 Fairydale, 10 Lilykoy, 12 Mr Withington, 14 Animato, Manbearpig, 20 This Rib
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 3-6 1 1-2 8 5
2025: Bollin Neil 9-9-4 David Allan 10-3 (T Easterby) drawn 6, 8 ran.

4.15 OOPS A DAISY HANDICAP (4) value to the winner £5,234; 5f (10 runners)



1 125602 **FIDELIUS 18 (D)**
(6) N Tinkler 5-9-13 .... **Alex Jary (3) 97**
Runs: 29 Wins: 6 (6A) Places: 8 £65,804
All wins on AW but only just chinned at Redcar stable bow latest, player

2 -40431 **MARCHING MAC 75 (D)**
(8) P McEntee 5-9-13...... **Grace McEntee ●99**
Runs: 35 Wins: 8 (4S,GS,3G) Places: 6 £58,624
Good win at Sandown latest, 6lb hike will make life difficult, big chance

3 506347 **CANON'S HOUSE 5 (D)**
(2) M & D Easterby 5-9-13 .... **Billy Garritty 89**
Runs: 22 Wins: 4 (A,GS,2G) Places: 5 £66,917
Got too revved up latest, down to a dangerous-looking mark, in the hunt

4 -95168 **NOVAMAY 15**
(3) M Dods 4-9-12 .... **Rhys Elliott (5) 90**
Runs: 18 Wins: 4 (S,3G) Places: 4 £26,359
Thrived last summer, but not kicked on after Ayr win in June, bit to prove

5 38-213 **SECRET MISTRAL 32 (D)**
(7) A Carroll 6-9-10 ......**Myla Coppins (5) 96**
Runs: 41 Wins: 7 (S,2A,4G) Places: 11 £66,640
In decent nick, fine effort at Chester after traffic woes latest, taken seriously

6 774110 **ANGEL NUMBERS 14 (BF,D)**
(5) R Carr 3-9-10.........**Jake Dickson (5) 89**
Runs: 16 Wins: 3 (F,2G) Places: 3 £28,309
Hit ground running for this yard but poor under pen last time, bounce back

7 172600 **CALL MARGOT 7 (D)**
(4) G Tutty 3-9-6..........**Connor Beasley 86**
Runs: 11 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 2 £25,286
Caught eye at Epsom four starts back but downhill since, drops in grade

8 679020 **VINCE L'AMOUR 11 (B;CD)**
(10) T Easterby 5-9-0........... **David Allan 87**
Runs: 44 Wins: 5 (3S,2G) Places: 10 £75,467
Not the most consistent, definitely has race like this in his locker, risky bet

9 379191 **OUR ABSENT FRIENDS 9 (CD)**
(9) T Davidson 8-9-0(4lbex).....**Jason Hart 98**
Runs: 59 Wins: 9 (2S,F,3A,2GS,G) Places: 12 £78,859
Toyed with rivals over C&D last week, 4lb pen won't stop him if in same form

10 155282 **CANARIA QUEEN 9 (D)**
(1) T Easterby 6-8-11 ..... **Duran Fentiman 94**
Runs: 50 Wins: 8 (2S,F,2GS,3G) Places: 12 £55,091
Behind Our Absent Friends last week, difficult to see her turning tables

BETTING: 11-4 Marching Mac, 3 Our Absent Friends, 5 Fidelius, 8 Secret Mistral, Canon's House, 12 Canaria Queen, 14 Angel Numbers, 16 Call Margot, 20 Vince L'Amour, Novamay
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 5 1 3
2025: Glory Fighter 9-8-13, M Winn 6-1 (P Midgley), drw 5, 8 ran.

TEMPLEGATE
2.15 Mugheer
2.45 Lady Gormire
3.15 Run This Way
3.45 Niffler
4.15 Our Absent Friends
4.52 Lanarra

TOM PEPPER
2.15 Romidijo
2.45 Lady Gormire
3.15 Powernap (nb)
3.45 Fairydale
4.15 Novamay
4.52 Mister Sky Blue

■TIC-TAC: Left-handed oval course of 1m 180yds, races over 5f start on a chute, which bears left to join the round course 3f from home. ■DRAW: Low numbers have an advantage in races over five and seven furlongs, high best over six furlongs. ■LEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS (2021-2026): T Easterby 53-457, K R Burke 18-76, P Midgley 16-92, R Carr 15-128. THIS SEASON: T Easterby 6, R Carr 4, K R Burke 3. ■TOP JOCKEYS WITH RIDES (2021-2026): J Hart 34-221, D Allan 27-222, C Beasley 26-163, S James 17-137. THIS SEASON: D Allan 6, J Hart 6, C Lee 4. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: Ghazalia (2.15), Romidijo (2.15), Lilykoy (3.45), Niffler (3.45), Marching Mac (4.15), Dee's Honey (4.52) trained at Newmarket. Round trip of 410 miles. ■FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP: None. ■LIVE ON RACING TV

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FIDELIUS (9-0) 12-1 prominent on outer, ridden 2f out, challenged 1f out, kept on well final furlong, just denied, btn ns by Rosenpur (9-0) (5 ran) (Redcar 5f hcap (3) £8,100 good to firm).
MARCHING MAC (9-7) 7-1 made all, set strong pace, asserted over 1f out, won going away, bt Nogo's Dream (9-8) 2l (9 ran) (Sandown 5f hcap (4) £6,019 good).
CANON'S HOUSE (9-8) 4-1 carried right start, handy, pushed along 2f out, faded 1f out, 7th of 11 (btn 3½l) to Eternal Sunshine (9-3) (Hamilton 5f hcap (3) £10,308 good to soft).
NOVAMAY (9-8) 22-1 prominent, ridden over 2f out, challenged leader over 1f out, kept on same pace inside final furlong, no extra near finish, 8th of 12 (btn 3¾l) to Dandy Magic (8-2) (Hamilton 6f hcap (4) £5,286 good).
SECRET MISTRAL (9-4) 10-1 midfield, edged left 3f out, ridden to chase leaders inside final furlong, ran on well and briefly took second towards finish, lost one place final stride, 3rd of 11 (btn 1¼l) to Aces Wild (9-1) (Chester 5f hcap (4) £7,731 good).
ANGEL NUMBERS (10-0) 9-2 co fav went left start, in touch with leaders, ridden and weakened over 1f out, last of 10 (btn 10l) to Rumble Ruby (9-0) (Beverley 5f hcap (5) £4,527 good to firm).
CALL MARGOT (8-2) 33-1 awkward start, prominent, ridden over 2f out, weakened over 1f out, 13th of 19 (btn 7½l) to Miss Yechance (8-8) (York 5f hcap hdle (2) £51,540 good).
VINCE L'AMOUR (9-4) 66-1 led far side, pushed along when lost position inside final furlong, weakened quickly inside final 110yds, 15th of 20 (btn 7¼l) to Woodstock (9-8) (Ripon 6f hcap (4) £12,885 good).
OUR ABSENT FRIENDS (9-13) 7-2 prominent, led after 1f, nudged along over 1f out, ridden clear inside final furlong, readily, bt **CANARIA QUEEN** (9-12) 13-2 front rank, pushed along over 2f out, went second over 1f out, kept on inside final furlong, no match for winner, 4l (11 ran) (Catterick 5f hcap (5) £4,187 good).

4.52 NATIONAL RACEHORSE WEEK CLASSIFIED STAKES (6); value to the winner £3,664; 7f. (14 runners)

1 (9) 9341704 **BIZARRE LAW 49 (D)** M Herrington 7-9-9 **Kevin Stott ●99**
2 (2) 0543372 **GOLDEN PROSPERITY 19 (C)** T Coyle & K Wood 7-9-9 **Jake Dickson (5) 96**
3 (1) 3676303 **I CAN BOOGY 32 (D)** N Tinkler 4-9-9 **Alex Jary (3) 88**
4 (11) 7295434 **MISTER SKY BLUE 14** G Tutty 4-9-9 **Conor Whiteley (5) 92**
5 (7) 080 **MORAL VICTORY 34** L Mullaney 5-9-9 **Barry McHugh 70**
6 (14) 2374573 **RAIN CAP 22 (V;CD)** J Riches 9-9-9 non-runner 94
7 (10) 8073272 **RIDGEMASTER 26 (D)** S Waugh 4-9-9 **Amie Waugh (3) 96**
8 (6) 5307902 **WITHOUT DELAY 22 (V;CD)** T Waggott 7-9-9 **Connor Beasley 98**
9 (5) 6245478 **BELLING THE CAT 32** T Coyle & K Wood 3-9-4 **David Nolan 81**
10 (13) 95-99 **DEE'S HONEY 12** M Keady 3-9-4 **Jason Hart 70**
11 (4) 1-23435 **LANARRA 18** R Smith 3-9-4 **James Sullivan 95**
12 (8) 3687406 **RUNNINMAN 7 (T★)** D Whillans 3-9-4 **Aiden Brookes 76**
13 (3) 95-8807 **RYEFIELD 14** L Mullaney 3-9-4 **Tom Eaves 75**
14 (12) 07-5330 **TWILIGHT DAWN 32 (B★)** S Whitaker 3-9-4 **Rhys Elliott (5) 85**

BETTING: 5 Ridgemaster, 11-2 Without Delay, 6 Golden Prosperity, 7 Bizarre Law, 8 Lanarra, Mister Sky Blue, I Can Boogy
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: abd 2 7 6
2025: Filey Beach 4-9-9 James Sullivan 7-1 (R Carr) drawn 14, 14 ran.

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GOING: STANDARD

TEMPLEGATE
2.00 Rajeteriat
2.30 Lovely Dark Angel
3.00 Diamondinthedark
3.30 One Cool Dreamer
4.00 Ravenswell
4.35 Shamacid

TOM PEPPER
2.00 Rajeteriat
2.30 My Maria
3.00 Night Mission
3.30 Fair Dinkum
4.00 Someone's Wish
4.35 Grand Vista

■TIC-TAC: Left-handed, very tight Tapeta all-weather track of 1m, with a 330yd run-in. Races over 6f and 7f start on separate chutes. ■DRAW: Little effect. ■LEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS (2021-2026): A Carroll 122-1228, M Loughnane 81-757, G Boughey 72-444, M Appleby 69-542. THIS SEASON: A Carroll 21, James Owen 14, G Boughey 9. ■TOP JOCKEYS WITH RIDES (2021-2026): D Probert 76-610, J Mitchell 67-436, K O'Neill 65-687, R Havlin 37-282. THIS SEASON: K O'Neill 11, J Mitchell 8, J Peate 6. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: Sixcor (2.00) trained at East Kilbride. Round trip of 550 miles. ■FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP: None. ■LIVE ON SKY SPORTS RACING

★ JESSICA HARRINGTON reports star four-year-old colt **Hotazhell**, winner of a German Group 1 on his last outing, "in good form" and on course for the Royal Bahrain Irish Champion Stakes at Leopardstown next month.

2.00 APPRENTICE HANDICAP (Class 6); winner £3,454; 5f. (7 runners)

1 (4) 8324 **SUB THIRTEEN 22 (D)** J Scott 5-9-9 **O Tubb (3)**
2 (1) -721 **BRIDGET'S BABY 69 (D)** A Carroll 3-9-8 **M Gunn (5)**
3 (6) 0594 **DUSK DAMSEL 9 (B)** J Moore 3-9-7 **M Wonnacott (3)**
4 (7) 3073 **RAJETERIAT 9 (V★)** C Gordon 4-9-5 **L Wright**
5 (3) 8520 **FANCY DANCER 11 (C,D)** H Burton 4-9-4 **A Redman (7)**
6 (5) 1466 **SIXCOR 2 (CD)** L Perratt 8-9-2 **T Kiely-Marshall**
7 (2) 5055 **NAD ALSHIBA SNOW 4** M Murphy 4-9-0 **R Kavanagh**

Bridget's Baby ●99, Fancy Dancer 98, Sixcor 97.
13-8 Bridget's Baby, 3 Sub Thirteen, 11-2 Fancy Dancer, 15-2 Sixcor, 8 Rajeteriat, 14 Dusk Damsel, Nad Alshiba Snow

2.30 NOVICE STAKES (5); 2-y-o; winner £4,187; 6f. (12 runners)

1 (2) 0 **HIRAM BINGHAM 30** M Bell 9-7 **J Peate**
2 (10) 642 **HE'S READYTORUMBLE 11** J Channon 9-4 **E Greatrex**
3 (9) 79 **LAUNCHPAD 11** N Littmoden 9-4 **R Kavanagh (3)**
4 (12) **MARHABA YA TAYIB** R Hughes 9-4 non-runner
5 (5) 8 **PREMIUM SEAT 11** J Moore 9-4 **M Wonnacott (5)**
6 (4) **REDDY** E J-Houghton 9-4 **R Clutterbuck**
7 (7) 649 **VENTURA POWER 71** G Boughey 9-4 **M Smith (7)**
8 (11) 4 **LOVELY DARK ANGEL 23** G Boughey 9-2 **P Cosgrave**
9 (6) 3222 **MY MARIA 19 (BF)** A Watson 9-2 **W Cox**
10 (1) 96 **MR MONTGOMERY 5 (H)** O Sangster 9-1 **S Donohoe**
11 (8) **NIL SATIS SUPREME** M Loughnane 9-1 **H Regan (7)**
12 (3) **SOLAR MISSION** G Nicholls 9-1 **K O'Neill**

He's Readytorumble ●99, Lovely Dark Angel 98, My Maria 98.
2 Lovely Dark Angel, 3 My Maria, He's Readytorumble, 12 Ventura Power, 16 Reddy, 20 Solar Mission

3.00 HANDICAP (5); winner £4,187; 6f. (9 runners)

1 (4) -097 **ROYAL ACCORD 4 (D)** P Chapple-Hyam 4-9-11 **O Haines (7)**
2 (7) 1-82 **DIAMONDINTHEDARK 22 (T★;CD)** M Loughnane 3-9-9 **D Probert**
3 (5) 5974 **NIGHT MISSION 40** M Appleby 3-9-7 **A Rawlinson**
4 (2) 6978 **CAMPENAERTS 48 (C)** J Portman 3-9-7 **O Tubb (5)**
5 (1) 10-0 **BELLAGIO MAN 117 (B;D)** A Brittain 8-9-6 **C Hardie**
6 (8) 6250 **GUERNSEY ANGEL 13 (C)** P Evans 3-9-5 **D Keenan**
7 (9) 9644 **CURRAHEE 12** S Williams 4-9-2 **P Cosgrave**
8 (6) 362- **ALSHIMALI 254 (H)** A Carroll 5-9-1 **J Gordon**
9 (3) -256 **MIRACLEOFTHEANDES 14** W Greatrex 3-9-0 **E Greatrex**

Guernsey Angel ●99, Alshimali 98, Diamondinthedark 97.
2 Diamondinthedark, 10-3 Alshimali, 11-2 Currahee, 7 Night Mission, 10 Guernsey Angel, 12 Campenaerts, 14 Miracleoftheandes

3.30 HANDICAP (5); winner £4,187; 1m 6f. (7 runners)

1 (3) -485 **KINGDOM OF STARS 8** K Lee 5-10-0 **R Havlin**
2 (4) 1211 **THE CRAFTYMASTER 12 (CD)** A Carroll 6-9-12 **M Gunn (5)**
3 (1) 104- **LETMEBETHEBOSS 252 (D)** A Carroll 5-9-10 **K Fox**
4 (5) 5243 **FAIR DINKUM 36 (D)** J Scott 6-9-9 **K O'Neill**
5 (7) 2476 **ONE COOL DREAMER 34** R Stephens 5-9-9 **P Cosgrave**
6 (2) 5152 **V POWER 18 (CD)** T Faulkner 6-9-7 **Z Lewis (7)**
7 (6) 2321 **BOILERMAKER 28 (D)** H Charlton 3-9-4 **D Probert**

Boilermaker ●99, Letmebetheboss 97, The Craftymaster 96.
9-4 Boilermaker, 11-4 The Craftymaster, 5 Letmebetheboss, 6 V Power, 10 Fair Dinkum, 12 One Cool Dreamer, Kingdom Of Stars

Sun FORM

KINGDOM OF STARS (10-2) 40-1 held up towards rear, headway over 1f out, never on terms, 5th of 9 (btn 4¾l) to Heroics (9-7) (W'hampton 1¾m hcap (5) £3,978 AW).
THE CRAFTYMASTER (8-5) 5-1 held up, stayed on strongly final furlong, led near finish, bt An Bradan Feasa (9-7) hd (6 ran) (Newmarket 2m app hcap (5) £5,234 good to firm).
LETMEBETHEBOSS (9-7) 11-1 mid-division, fourth 1f out, ran on one pace, 4th of 11 (btn 1¾l) to Westcombe (9-5) **ONE COOL DREAMER** (10-2) 16-1 mid-division, no real progress, 8th (btn 6l) (Kempton 1½m app hcap (5) £4,187 AW).
FAIR DINKUM (9-8) 5-2 led, headed 2f out, lost second final furlong, no extra, 3rd of 4 (btn 12l) to Curran (10-2) (Salisbury 1¾m hcap (5) £4,580 good to firm).
ONE COOL DREAMER (10-4) 9-1 rear mid-division, pushed along 3f out, no response, 6th of 8 (btn 11l) to Raintown (9-12) (Newbury 1¼m amat hcap (5) £5,464 good to firm).
V POWER (9-9) 10-1 handy, stayed on but held, btn 3¼l by Halimede (9-8) (7 ran) (Lingfield 1m 5f hcap (6) £3,768 AW).
BOILERMAKER (8-12) 3-1 prominent, led over 2f out, holding second well inside final furlong, bt Kakirra (8-12) ¾l (4 ran) (Sandown 1¾m hcap (4) £6,019 good to firm).

4.00 CLASSIFED STAKES (6); winner £3,454; 1m 4f. (11 runners)

1 (9) -986 **BEAT THE ODDS 61** A Brittain 4-9-9 **C Hardie**
2 (4) -685 **D DAY MAJOR WINTER 22 (P★)** J Owen 4-9-9 **D Probert**
3 (6) 8923 **FIGHTING POET 8 (V★;D)** R Phillips 8-9-9 **J Peate**
4 (8) 0096 **HAMMAL 43 (T★)** M Young 5-9-9 **K O'Neill**
5 (1) 6146 **LAWMANS BLIS 74 (CD)** J Macey 8-9-9 **L Wright (3)**
6 (11) 7-58 **RAVENSWELL 83** T Faulkner 5-9-9 **R Havlin**
7 (10) -902 **SOMEONE'S WISH 8 (C)** P Morris 6-9-9 **R Kavanagh (3)**
8 (2) 2264 **SPACEAGE LOVE SONG 21 (CD)** M Bell 4-9-9 **J Bradnam (7)**
9 (7) 6086 **N'ION 22** I Williams 3-9-0 **E Greatrex**
10 (3) 9230 **RAISE THE STAKES 18** E Whillans 3-9-0 **G Fairley**
11 (5) 7643 **SMOKER BELLAMY 34** R Newland 3-9-0 **J Doughty**

Someone's Wish ●99, Fighting Poet 97, Smoker Bellamy 97.
3 Someone's Wish, 4 Fighting Poet, 7 Smoker Bellamy, 8 Ravenswell

4.35 HANDICAP (6); winner £3,454; 1m 1f. (12 runners)

1 (4) 0584 **SHAMACID 11** S Woods 4-9-12 **D Probert**
2 (10) 1323 **ON KEY 10 (C)** S Dixon 4-9-11 **K O'Neill**
3 (8) 9894 **CY TWOMBLY 27 (V)** J Mackie 4-9-10 **J Doughty**
4 (2) 6131 **DESIDERATA 130 (CD)** T Faulkner 6-9-8 **R Havlin**
5 (11) 2315 **MANTON ROAD 6 (CD)** R Phillips 4-9-7 **K Fox**
6 (9) 4527 **BOOK OF LIFE 32 (CD)** P Morris 6-9-6 **D Murphy (7)**
7 (6) 9006 **ROGUE OFFICER 26 (H)** A Brittain 4-9-4 **C Hardie**
8 (7) 3836 **GRAND VISTA 20** W Muir & C Grassick 3-9-0 **R Kavanagh (3)**
9 (5) 4796 **CLAYTONS KOLATONIC 14** D F Davis 3-9-0 **B Ffrench-Davis (5)**
10 (1) 0963 **ROKUNI 49 (V)** C Wallis 4-8-12 **C Howarth (3)**
11 (12) 8445 **ANORAH UNLEASHED 54** A Carroll 3-8-11 **J Gordon**
12 (3) 0-73 **THOMAS TALLIS 20** J Mackie 3-8-5 **F Bassett (7)**

Desiderata ●99, On Key 98, Manton Road 97.
5-2 Desiderata, 4 On Key, 11-2 Thomas Tallis, 6 Manton Road

NEWBURY COLOURS

4.10 PUMP TECHNOLOGY NURSERY (Class 5) 2-Y-O; winner £5,757; 7f (15 runners)

1 440 **MAGI MELCHIOR 25**
(8) R Hannon 9-9............. **Sean Levey 85**
Runs: 3 £1,395
Goodwood too tough latest, opening mark looks high enough, squeak

2 6484 **PRIMAL 27**
(10) A Balding 9-7 .... **Oisin Murphy 97**
Runs: 4 Places: 1 £4,321
Close fourth in Goodwood nursery, eased lb for his troubles, go close

3 383 **SOVEREIGNS HIGH 24**
(1) R Beckett 9-7 ....**Hector Crouch 90**
Runs: 3 Places: 1 £3,254
Better at Chester last time, hcapper hasn't gone mad, taken seriously

4 422 **REGAL TIGER 37 (BF)**
(6) H Palmer 9-7......... **Billy Loughnane 98**
Runs: 3 Places: 2 £6,075
Progressive, shade unlucky hcap debut latest, Billy rides, in the hunt

5 652 **MINO 12**
(13) M Botti 9-7.............. **Marco Ghiani 91**
Runs: 3 Places: 1 £3,296
Learning his trade, best yet Yarmouth latest, opening mark fair, player

6 6671 **MOBADIR 23**
(4) E Walker 9-6........ **Kieran Shoemark ●99**
Runs: 4 Wins: 1 (F) £4,187
Off mark in Nottm nursery, 4lb rise looks fair, give another good account

7 651065 **EL LAMBO 16**
(11) C Hills 9-4 ....**Callum Rodriguez 89**
Runs: 6 Wins: 1 (F) £5,730
Off mark in Bath maiden but hasn't kicked on, watching brief at present

8 562 **FOSCARINI 20**
(15) E J-Houghton 9-3 ..... **Charles Bishop 95**
Runs: 3 Places: 1 £2,535
Brighton latest best so far, something to build on for this hcap bow, e-w

9 01 **STAR BAYSIDE BOY 23**
(3) M Tregoning 9-3 .... **Rob Hornby 94**
Runs: 2 Wins: 1 (F) £4,320
Sprang surprise at Windsor (6f), 7f to suit for hcap debut, dangerous

10 955 **LILYWHITE HART 21**
(9) D Ivory 9-3................. **John Egan 88**
Runs: 3 £0
Signs of ability, yet to put it all into practice, looks longer-term project

11 851 **GOLDEN OASIS 49 (D)**
(2) R Edwards 9-2 ....**Robbie Downey 94**
Runs: 3 Wins: 1 (F) £5,400
Put practice to good use at Chepstow, opening mark not too taxing, threat

12 563252 **GLOBAL SUCCESS 17 (BF)**
(5) J Moore 9-1............. **Taylor Fisher 95**
Runs: 6 Places: 3 £8,309
Big effort at Goodwood, then chinned at Chepstow latest, won't be far away

13 515 **DISSENTER 23**
(12) M Tregoning 9-1...... **Ashley Lewis (3) 92**
Runs: 3 Wins: 1 (F) £4,565
Chepstow winner, not so good hcap bow last time, early days still, sniff

14 53238 **LUSHILL 16**
(7) J Moore 8-9............... **David Egan 87**
Runs: 5 Places: 3 £4,944
Forgiven latest, earlier maiden/novice efforts showed ability, not ruled out

15 8057 **ITS A GINGER THING 21**
(14) R Hughes 8-7 ....**Saffie Osborne 80**
Runs: 4
Little of note so far (incl. hcap bow latest), top jock up but others preferred

BETTING: 10-3 Mobadir, 5 Regal Tiger, 13-2 Primal, 8 Global Success, Golden Oasis, Mino, 11 Star Bayside Boy, Sovereigns High, 14 Foscarini, Dissenter, 25 El Lambo, Magi Melchior, 33 Lilywhite Hart, Lushill, Its A Ginger Thing
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 4 6 1 1
2025: Blue To Blue 9-4, J Nicholls 5-2 Fav (K R Burke), drw 5, 12 ran.

4.45 BRICKLAYERS ARMS NEWBURY EBF MAIDEN STAKES (DIV 1) (4); 2-y-o; winner £6,480; 6f 110yds. (10 run)

1 (7) **CHEVERE** O Burrows 9-7 **Callum Rodriguez —**
2 (2) 5 **CRUSHERMAN 131** B Meehan 9-7 **David Egan ●99**
3 (4) **FLICK OF AN EYE** S & E Crisford 9-7 **Jack Mitchell —**
4 (8) **KICKING BEAR** E Walker 9-7 **Kieran Shoemark —**
5 (9) **MOOFEED** A Watson 9-7 **William Cox —**
6 (3) 7 **PERFECT STRIKE 32** W Haggas 9-7 **Tom Marquand 92**
7 (6) **SOLAR SWING** G Boughey 9-7 **Billy Loughnane —**
8 (10) **SOL DORADO** M Tregoning 9-7 **Rob Hornby —**
9 (1) **YABREEN** J Channon 9-7 **Oisin Murphy —**
10 (5) 09 **VELMA DINKLEY 56** F Bramley 9-2 **Oliver Carmichael (7) 70**

BETTING: 4 Solar Swing, 13-2 Crusherman, 10 Flick Of An Eye, Moofeed, 16 Kicking Bear, 20 Perfect Strike, Chevere, 25 Yabreen
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 4
2025: Into The Sky 9-7 Kieran Shoemark 80-1 (J Boyle) drawn 8, 13 ran.

5.20 BRICKLAYERS ARMS NEWBURY EBF MAIDEN STAKES (DIV 2) (4); 2-y-o; winner £6,480; 6f 110yds. (9 run)

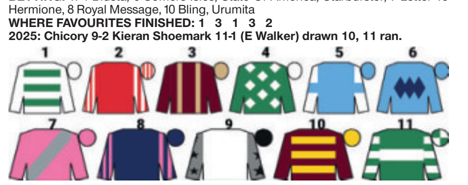
1 (9) **BATTLEWORTHY** A Balding 9-7 **Oisin Murphy**
2 (8) **DARJEEL** R Hannon 9-7 **Sean Levey**
3 (7) **EPISTLE** H Main 9-7 **Jack Mitchell**
4 (4) **KINGDOM OF KUSH** R Varian 9-7 **Robbie Downey**
5 (6) **MARTABAN** E J-Houghton 9-7 **Charles Bishop**
6 (5) **SATURN STAR** R Beckett 9-7 **Hector Crouch**
7 (1) **SCYTHE** B Meehan 9-7 **Saffie Osborne**
8 (2) **TOM THUMB** B Aprahamian 9-7 **Taylor Fisher**
9 (3) 0 **UNCLE ZELLO 7** J Channon 9-7 **George Bass**

BETTING: 9-4 Battleworthy, 5-2 Kingdom Of Kush, 5 Saturn Star, Darjeel, 8 Martaban, 25 Tom Thumb, Epistle, Scythe, 50 Uncle Zello
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED and 2025: See Division 1.

5.55 IT PAYS TO BUY IRISH MAIDEN FILLIES' STAKES (GBB RACE) (4); 2-y-o; winner £6,281; 6f. (11 runners)

1 (10) 00 **BEST YET 9** R Hughes 9-2 **David Egan 70**
2 (4) **BIDSTA** G Boughey 9-2 **Billy Loughnane —**
3 (11) **BLING** H Palmer 9-2 **Marco Ghiani —**
4 (2) **CIRCLET** O Burrows 9-2 **Callum Rodriguez —**
5 (7) **INMYOPINION (H★)** A Perrett 9-2 **Rob Hornby —**
6 (1) **LETTER TO HERMIONE** E Walker 9-2 **Tom Marquand —**
7 (3) 55 **ROYAL MESSAGE 55** E Walker 9-2 **Kieran Shoemark 94**
8 (9) 2 **SOMERS ISLES 40** A Balding 9-2 **Oisin Murphy ●99**
9 (8) 4 **STARBURSTER 79** R Spencer 9-2 **Saffie Osborne 92**
10 (5) **STATE OF AMERICA** O Sangster 9-2 **Hector Crouch —**
11 (6) **URUMITA** R Hannon 9-2 **Sean Levey —**

BETTING: 11-4 Bidsta, 6 Somers Isles, State Of America, Starburster, 7 Letter To Hermione, 8 Royal Message, 10 Bling, Urumita
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 3 1 3 2
2025: Chicory 9-2 Kieran Shoemark 11-1 (E Walker) drawn 10, 11 ran.



TEMPLEGATE
4.10 Sovereigns High
4.45 Perfect Strike
5.20 Battleworthy
5.55 Starburster
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7.00 BOLD SHOUT (nap)
7.30 Livemore

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TEMPLEGATE'S TRIO: Bold Shout (N
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TOM PEPPER'S DOUBLE: Cloud Fo
Powernap (Catterick).
SUNRATINGS' NAP: EMPIRICAL (7.30
THE JUDGE: BOLD SHOUT (7.00 Newb

■TIC-TAC: Left-handed oval track of 1m 7f, straight mi
5f from home. ■DRAW: High numbers best in large fie
■LEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS (2021-202
49-223, A Balding 39-266, R Beckett 28-199. THIS SE
E Walker 4. ■TOP JOCKEYS WITH RIDES (2021-202
43-205, H Crouch 23-139, S M Levey 22-247. THIS SE
5, O Murphy 5. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: Regal Tige
(6.30), Fans Favourite (7.30) trained at Malpas. Round
■FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP: None. ■LIVE ON SKY

6.30 GRACELANDS HANDICA to the winner £7,328;

1 241135 **BEST RATE 1**
(8) R Hannon 4-10-4 ..
Runs: 24 Wins: 3 (2F,A)
Quickfire double last month, hcapper a

2 622 **CLOUD FORE**
(3) S bin Suroor 4-10-0
Runs: 3
Flattering to deceive, drop to 1m could h

3 -33112 **DISTINCT SPI**
(13) D & C Kubler 6-10-0
Runs: 9 Wins: 3 (F,2G)
In good form, no disgrace latest, step back

4 614-45 **PRINCESS RA**
(6) O Cole 4-9-13 .....
Runs: 8 Wins: 2 (F,G)
Yet to fire this season, now only lb abo

5 417322 **ZATSGOOD 1**
(1) G Boughey 4-9-13 .
Runs: 8 Wins: 1 (A)
Unexposed on turf, respectable here l

6 31-45 **MARLBOROU**
(7) A Wintle 4-9-11 ....
Runs: 4 Wins: 1 (G)
Hcap bow forgiven latest (soft ground), 1m

7 210- **RIVER CARD**
(12) B Meehan 3-9-11...
Runs: 3 Wins: 1 (S)
Won Ascot maiden (1m, soft) as juvenile,

8 4710 **ELECTRIC DR**
(5) J Fanshawe 3-9-10.
Runs: 4 Wins: 1 (G)
Leic maiden winner, staying on late in to

9 -30044 **WALSON'S LA**
(4) E J-Houghton 5-9-1
Runs: 14 Wins: 2 (2F)
Likes it here, running well without getting

10 1-4335 **ABUNDANT 2**
(2) T Ward 3-9-5......
Runs: 7 Wins: 1 (A)
Consistent, another fine effort at Good

11 389151 **HOME HERO**
(11) H Palmer 3-9-5....
Runs: 9 Wins: 2 (F,G)
Races prominently, well on top at Hay

12 44-511 **ACCADEMIA**
(10) E Walker 3-9-3 ....
Runs: 6 Wins: 2 (2F)
On hat-trick after C&D win last month,

13 60-278 **TRIBAL RHYT**
(9) D Coakley 5-9-3...
Runs: 13 Wins: 1 (G)
Has failed to build on promising return

BETTING: 9-2 Accademia, 11-2 Disti
Zatsgood, Cloud Forest, 8 Walson's Law, 1
14 Best Rate, Princess Rascal, 33 Tribal Rh
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 3 2
2025: Herculeus 3-9-7, L Edmunds 11-2 (W Mu

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BEST RATE (10-4) 8-1 prominent, pushed along 2f out, ridden over 1f out, weakened inside final furlong, 5th of 10 (btn 12l) to Murashah (10-3) (Ripon 1m hcap (4) £7,731 good).
CLOUD FOREST (9-13) 10-11 fav held up behind leaders, ridden to chase leaders 2f out, stayed on to take second inside final furlong, btn 5½l by Shadow Road (9-4) (10 ran) (Kempton 1m 3f nov (3) £6,480 AW).
DISTINCT SPIRIT (10-0) 4-1 midfield, pushed along 2f out, headway to lead 1f out, sustained challenge final furlong, headed final 110yds, btn ½l by Montezin (9-8) (11 ran) (Haydock 7f hcap (5) £4,449 good).
PRINCESS RASCAL (10-2) 6-1 handy, pushed along and lost second 2f out, weakened final furlong, 5th of 6 (btn 8½l) to Star Cast (9-1) (Chester 1¼m hcap (4) £7,731 soft).
ZATSGOOD (10-2) 11-2 tracked leaders, ridden over 2f out, went second over 1f out, not trouble winner, btn 2l by Assaranca (9-8) **WALSON'S LAW** (10-0) 9-2 held up in rear, headway over 1f out, not clear run inside final furlong, kept on, lost third last stride, 4th (btn 2¼l) (7 ran) (Newbury 7f hcap (4) £7,328 good to firm).
MARLBOROUGH PLACE (9-10) 11-1 in rear, pushed along over 2f out,

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CLOUD FOREST (6.30 Newbury) w and can improve now handicappi double with EDWIN HUBBLE (7.30 good winner at Sandown last time o

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

7.00 DAILY BET BOOSTS BETVICTOR HANDICAP (4) 3-Y-0; winner £7,328; 7f (6 runners)

1 -22764 **BRISK SYMPHONY 15 (P★;C)**
(3) J Portman 9-9 ..... **Rob Hornby** 88
Runs: 10 Wins: 2 (2F) Places: 2 £19,703
Better AW latest but failed to beat rival last twice on turf, needs to raise game

2 23-15 **ARTANIS 168 (BF,D)**
(6) O Sangster 9-8 ..... **Billy Loughnane** 93
Runs: 4 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 1 £8,809
Bombed out hcap debut latest, left George Boughey since, market can guide

3 130683 **COOL MOLLY 32 (BF,D)**
(4) O Sangster 9-7 ..... **Tom Marquand** 91
Runs: 16 Wins: 4 (4A) Places: 7 £54,916
Better on AW but has shown promise on turf, dangerous if allowed easy lead

4 215122 **LION OF MALI 25 (BF,D)**
(1) J Fanshawe 9-3 ..... **David Egan** ●99
Runs: 12 Wins: 4 (F,2A,G) Places: 4 £28,971
In great heart, though it hasn't escaped hcapper's notice, vulnerable for win

5 441 **BOLD SHOUT 14**
(5) C Cox 8-13 ..... **Hector Crouch** 97
Runs: 3 Wins: 1 (F) £6,795
Down to 6f to open account at Salisbury, opening mark fair, not ruled out

6 -24192 **SHOW ME GOLD 19 (D)**
(2) T Dascombe 8-12 ..... **Oisin Murphy** 92
Runs: 6 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 3 £11,370
Bounced back at Newmarket latest, needs to build on it, but chance if so

BETTING: 2 Bold Shout, 11-4 Lion of Mali, 9-2 Artanis, 13-2 Show Me Gold, 10 Cool Molly, Brisk Symphony

WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 4 1 0 2 2

2025: Morte Point 9-6, L Edmunds 14-1 (W Muir & C Grassick), drw 9, 10 ran.

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BRISK SYMPHONY (9-6) 10-1 tracked front pair, lost position 3f out, pushed along 2f out, one pace 1f out, 4th of 7 (btn 3¼l) to Malachy's Wish (9-8) (Lingfield 7f hcap (4) £5,234 AW).
ARTANIS (9-4) evens fav prominent, ridden 2f out, soon lost place, weakened final furlong, 5th of 7 (btn 4¾l) to Illy's Roo (8-10) (Southwell 7f hcap (4) £4,972 AW).
COOL MOLLY (9-7) 3-1 jt fav soon led, ridden when headed 1f out, ridden inside final furlong, kept on, 3rd of 8 (btn 5¾l) to Collecting Coin (10-2) (Chester 1m hcap (4) £7,731 good).
LION OF MALI (8-11) 5-2 fav held up in rear, pushed along to make headway inside final furlong, ran on well and took second toward finish, no chance with winner, btn 1¾l to Tryst (9-11) (6 ran) (Newmarket 7f hcap (4) £6,442 good to firm).
BOLD SHOUT (9-7) evens fav chased leaders, pushed along and closed 2f out, ridden and led 1f out, stayed on strongly, bt Just Dreaming (8-9) 2½l (7 ran) (Salisbury 6f nov mdn (4) £5,400 good to firm).
SHOW ME GOLD (9-2) 22-1 prominent, pushed along well 2f out, headway to lead 1f out, kept on but headed final stride, btn sh hd by Rogue Citation (9-7) (7 ran) (Newmarket 7f hcap (5) £5,154 good to firm).

7.30 SHELDRAKE TRAINING LTD HANDICAP (4) 3-Y-0; winner £7,328; 1m 2f (9 runners)

1 3-8311 **EMPIRICAL 30 (B;D)**
(9) E Walker 9-9 ..... **Kieran Shoemark** ●99
Runs: 6 Wins: 2 (2F) Places: 1 £12,345
On hat-trick, best yet upped to this trip latest, 4lb rise is generous, player

2 2-7251 **EDWIN HUBBLE 20 (B;D)**
(1) B Meehan 9-9 ..... **Oisin Murphy** 93
Runs: 8 Wins: 1 (F) Places: 3 £15,593
Landed odds at Sandown, will be better over further in time, on shortlist

3 51 **LIVEMORE 40**
(6) T Kent 9-9 ..... **Callum Rodriguez** 97
Runs: 2 Wins: 1 (F) £5,154
More clued up Newmarket (1m) latest, hcapper taking no chances, sniff

4 1-4030 **MAGNATURA 26 (V)**
(5) T Ward 9-6 ..... **Sean Levey** 88
Runs: 9 Wins: 2 (A,G) £21,682
Promising return but hasn't matched that three starts since, jury's out

5 -53434 **MAGICAL MERLOT 13**
(2) E Dunlop 9-4 ..... **David Egan** 92
Runs: 9 Wins: 1 (F) Places: 3 £14,424
Down to last winning mark, not disgraced of late, first go at 1m2f, place

6 6-7546 **ISLAND BEAR 48 (B)**
(3) R Newland 9-4 ..... **Billy Loughnane** 87
Runs: 7 Places: 1 £5,935
Signs of ability early doors but regressive form since, Billy a plus though

7 6-06 **EAGLES ATTIRE 114**
(8) O Cole 9-3 ..... **Hector Crouch** 82
Runs: 3 £0
Shown little all three starts, mark high enough for what he's achieved, left

8 033512 **GUESSTIMATE 15 (D)**
(7) W Haggas 9-2 ..... **Tom Marquand** 95
Runs: 8 Wins: 1 (F) Places: 4 £26,137
Redcar novice winner, not disgraced at Lingers latest, taken seriously

9 -31153 **FANS FAVOURITE 26 (D)**
(4) H Palmer 8-11 ..... **Marco Ghiani** 91
Runs: 9 Wins: 2 (2S) Places: 1 £12,299
Hcap brace on summer soft ground, return to 10f a plus, not out of this

BETTING: 6-4 Livemore, 11-4 Empirical, 13-2 Guesstimate, Edwin Hubble, 11 Magical Merlot, 14 Eagles Attire, 25 Magnatura, Island Bear, 33 Fans Favourite

WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 2 2

2025: King Al 8-12, Rossa Ryan 9-1 (A King), drawn 4, 9 ran.

Sunracing FORM

EMPIRICAL (8-12) 5-2 soon raced in third, disputed lead over 1f out, led inside final furlong, won going away, bt Colourband (9-4) 1l (5 ran) (Ayr 1¼m hcap (4) £5,154 good to firm).
EDWIN HUBBLE (9-1) 5-6 fav raced in third, ridden to lead over 1f out, strongly pressed throughout final furlong, always doing enough, bt Interstate (9-2) nk (3 ran) (Sandown 1¼m hcap (4) £6,019 good to firm).
LIVEMORE (9-4) 15-8 chased leader, led over 2f out, clear 1f out, eased finish, comfortably, bt La Mariposa (8-8) 4¼l (6 ran) (Newmarket 1m nov mdn (4) £5,154 good to firm).
MAGNATURA (8-13) 80-1 towards rear of mid-division, ridden along 2f out, faded over 1f out, 11th of 13 (btn 8¾l) to Into The Light (9-7) (Goodwood 1m 3f hcap (3) £25,770 good to firm).
MAGICAL MERLOT (9-1) 4-1 towards rear, headway 2f out, not pace of leaders final furlong, kept on, 4th of 8 (btn 5½l) to Colourband (9-8) (Windsor 1m hcap (4) £5,566 good to firm).
ISLAND BEAR (9-2) 22-1 led, ridden 2f out, headed 1f out, soon weakened, 6th of 8 (btn 5¼l) to Room Fourteen (9-3) (Doncaster 1¼m hcap (4) £5,653 good to firm).
EAGLES ATTIRE (9-3) 25-1 always in midfield, 6th of 11 (btn 7¾l) to Decade Of Time (9-3) (Windsor 1m nov stk (3) £6,480 good to firm).
GUESSTIMATE (8-10) 8-1 rear mid-division, ridden 1f out, ran on final 110yds to go second on line, btn 1¼l by She Commands (9-10) (9 ran) (Lingfield 1¼m hcap (4) £10,468 AW).
FANS FAVOURITE (9-4) 12-1 handy, chased leaders 2f out, kept on, 3rd of 7 (6¼l) to Roc De Fer (9-9) (W'hampton 1½m hcap (5) £3,978 AW).

PROBETS

EYECATCHER: SEA BRAVE (6.51 Kempton) went close on debut at Chelmsford.
SUPER SPEED: BINT-

KNIGHT (7.51 Kempton) clocked a good time when winning at Lingfield.
GAMBLED ON: AIGEAS (8.21 Kempton) was backed before winning here last time out.

RACING RESULTS

BELLEWSTOWN
Going: Good to yielding-good in places

4.20: 1 CAMINO LAD C T Keane (9-2); **2 Karrygrant** (10-11 fav); **3 Tax Me Later** (40-1). 15 ran. ns; 2½l. G M Lyons. T: €6.80; €1.60, €1.10, €6.70. Ex: €17.10. Trifecta: €243.90. CF: €9.85.

4.55: 1 WEGOTOGETHER G F Carroll (11-1); **2 Launch Time** (2-1 fav); **3 Hale Bopp** (18-1). 15 ran. 1¼l; ¼l. G Cromwell. T: €15.10; €4.60, €1.50, €7.20. Ex: €47.20. Tricast: €442.63. Trifecta: €897.50. CF: €33.62. NR: Brains.

LINGFIELD
Going: Standard

2.30: 1 DANNICK Ashley Lewis (10-3); **2 Havana Touch** (10-3); **3 Great Blasket** (9-2). 9 ran (Amused 9-4 fav). 1¼l; ¾l. G & J Moore. T: £4.34; £1.40, £1.50, £1.80. Ex: £16.70. Tricast: £49.83. Trifecta: £63.30. CF: £15.

3.00: 1 LAZURITE F Marsh (2-5 fav); **2 Thai Baht** (8-1); **3 Lady Of Lucca** (40-1). 6 ran. 6¼l; 3½l. R Hughes. T: £1.40; £1.10, £3.90. Ex: £4.70. Trifecta: £35.70. CF: £4.56. NR: Ambience.

3.30: 1 LET'S GO HUGO T Kiely-Marshall (13-8 jtfav); **2 Apple's Angel** (14-1); **3 Banana** (4-1). 9 ran (Jungle Dance 13-8 jtfav). 1½l; nk. O Pears. T: £2.63; £1.10, £2.80, £1.40. Ex: £33.90. Trifecta: £93.20. CF: £29.83. NR: Bust A Moon.

4.00: 1 MUSICAL SOLDIER B Loughnane (9-4 jtfav); **2 Strong Voice** (11-4); **3 Bird Of War** (9-4 jtfav). 8 ran. 2l; 2½l. Ollie Sangster. T: £3.25; £1.10, £1.40, £1.30. Ex: £9.30. Tricast: £15.10. Trifecta: £21.80. CF: £8.99. NR: Chapman's Peak, Viking Glory.

4.30: 1 FLOATING MARKET Isobelle Chalmers (9-1); **2 Devil's Brigade** (15-8); **3 Sax Avoidance** (40-1). 7 ran. ½l; 3l. A Balding. T: £4.15; £1.30, £1.10. Ex: £7. Trifecta: £44.30. CF: £5.09. NR: Dialstone. Dialstone| Rule 4 applies to All Bets, deduct 65p in the £.

5.02: 1 TIME TO SPARKLE Harry Vigors (9-4 fav); **2 Thunder Goddess** (7-2); **3 Minerality** (33-1). 7 ran. 2½l; nk. J Keane. T: £3.25; £1.40, £2.10. Ex: £11.20. Tricast: £194.84. Trifecta: £156.60. CF: £10.31. NR: Hove Ranger.

PLACEPOT: £4.20
QUADPOT: £2.70

MUSSELBURGH
Going: Good-good to soft in places on straight course

2.15: 1 INNS AND OUT J Hart (7-1); **2 Pigeon Pete** (33-1); **3 Coul Blue** (80-1). 10 ran (Vegasmile 4-7 fav). 1¼l; 1¾l. T Easterby. T: £8.60; £1.80, £7.60, £10.10. Ex: £272.10. Trifecta: £3791.80. CF: £204.19.

2.45: 1 NEEDIN' U B Garritty (5-2 jtfav); **2 Lauralynn** (5-2 jtfav); **3 Aodhan** (13-2). 7 ran. 2½l; 4½l. M & D Easterby. T: £3.38; £1.90, £1.80. Ex: £6.70. Tricast: £28.69. Trifecta: £36.80. CF: £7.77. NR: Mardy Bum. Mardy Bum| Rule 4 applies to All Bets, deduct 5p in the £.

3.15: 1 DALAMARA A Mullen (10-1); **2 Horwich** (22-1); **3 Amber Hamur** (6-5 fav). 8 ran. ½l; 1l. B Haslam. T: £11; £2.50, £5, £1.10. Ex: £217.10. Tricast: £456.35. Trifecta: £842.50. CF: £195.76.

3.45: 1 GALLUS NORMAN Amie Waugh (14-1); **2 Fast Fred** (11-1); **3 Trojan Sun** (8-1). 9 ran. 3½l; 4½l. J Goldie. T: £14.70; £4, £2.50, £2.30. Ex: £117.70. Tricast: £577.41. Trifecta: £950.20. CF: £97.34. NR: Florida Dreams, Ned Broy. Florida Dreams| Rule 4 applies to All Bets, deduct 25p in the £.

4.15: 1 NOVAK A Mullen (7-2); **2 Luminous Warrior** (22-1); **3 Vince Le Prince** (15-2). 10 ran (Edmond Halley 2-1 fav). nk; 1¾l. I Jardine. T: £4.80; £1.80, £4.40, £2.50. Ex: £84.70. Tricast: £572.57. Trifecta: £520.90. CF: £80.36. NR: Joshuas Dream.

4.45: 1 ALBEGONE J Dickson (6-1); **2 Beerwah** (10-3); **3 Zuffolo** (14-1). 6 ran (South Parade 5-4 fav). nk; ¾l. T Easterby. T: £7; £2.80, £1.60. Ex: £24.30. Trifecta: £152.20. CF: £26.20.

JACKPOT: Not won, pool of £2,236.08 carried over.
PLACEPOT: £1,245.50
QUADPOT: £53.50

STRATFORD
Going: Good to firm

5.10: 1 GUTS AND GLORY S Sheppard (4-1); **2 Steal A Glance** (8-1); **3 Letmeseethecolts** (9-4). 8 ran (Diamond Grace 7-4 fav). 7l; 3½l. C Boultbee-Brooks. T: £5; £1.60, £2.10, £1.10. Ex: £27.10. Trifecta: £76.50. CF: £34.83.

5.40: 1 DELGANY SECOND NOW H Skelton (15-2); **2 Captain Connor** (33-1); **3 Brionywells** (6-1). 8 ran (French Diablo 4-6 fav). 8½l; 4½l. D Skelton. T: £10; £1.80, £5.90, £1.40. Ex: £264.30. Tricast: £1584.06. Trifecta: £1259.20. CF: £177.07.

6.15: 1 DUKE OF LUCKLEY F Keighley (5-1); **2 In This World** (25-1); 4 ran (Beorma 4-9 fav). 26l. M Keighley. T: £6.50; Ex: £41.30. Trifecta: £37.50. CF: £46.16.

6.45: 1 MI SUENO H Reed (11-8 fav); **2 Dream Jet** (12-1); **3 Juggernaut** (5-1). 8 ran. 4½l; 1½l. Nick Scholfield. T: £2.38; £1.20, £2.90, £1.60. Ex: £20.50. Tricast: £67.27. Trifecta: £80.30. CF: £18.66.

7.15: 1 YOUDECIDE B R Jones (evens fav); **2 Pescatorius** (12-1); **3 Watchoutitscookie** (8-1). 8 ran. 9½l; shd. B Pauling. T: £2; £1.10, £2.20, £2. Ex: £15. Tricast: £68.82. Trifecta: £80.80. CF: £14.53.

7.45: 1 GOLIATH POWER Fern O'Brien (9-4 fav); **2 Roccana Rose** (11-4); **3 Talladale** (7-2). 8 ran. 6l; ½l. F O'Brien. T: £3.25; £1.30, £1.20, £1.30. Ex: £9.20. Trifecta: £28.40. CF: £9. NR: Company Charge.

PLACEPOT: £117.30
QUADPOT: £15.60

GREYHOUND SELECTIONS AND SP

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■**TOWCESTER: 11.14 Orcas Icon (1-6-4) 11.30 Boherash Jani (1-3-2) 11.46 Plaza Kathleen (nap) (5-1-3) 12.03 Glenvale Jake (nb) (4-2-6) 12.20 Marshall Sam (5-3-4) 12.37 Ballymac Genius (6-4-1) 12.53 Plaza Bruno (5-1-2) 1.11 Blakefield Fizz (1-4-3) 1.26 Blue Robin (3-1-5) 1.41 Makeit Myella (1-5-6) 1.58 Choices Mile (3-2-1) 2.14 Salacres Logan (1-4-3)**

■**MONMORE: 11.03 Tommys Magical (1-2-4) 11.19 Vixons Mission (nap) (3-6-2) 11.36 Bloos Ladysandra (6-4-2) 11.52 Noruffsorscruffs (2-1-3) 12.09 Highway Blue (nb) (6-2-1) 12.26 Blue Jazz (3-1-6) 12.42 Soap Box Surfer (6-3-2) 12.59 Rhyming Ella (3-4-1) 1.16 Aero Bassett (6-2-3) 1.31 Battery Jack (3-5-6) 1.46 Tullymurry Otto (5-3-1) 2.04 Aero Superstar (6-3-1)**

■**NOTTINGHAM: 11.25 Bobsleigh Act (5-2-3) 11.41 Wolf Dawn (6-3-5) 11.58 Swift Amplify (6-3-5) 12.14 Kelva Brie (nb) (1-3-4) 12.31 Keefill Beth (4-1-5) 12.48 In Form Lady (nap) (1-3-5) 1.06 Honour Secret (2-4-1) 1.21 Skyfall Orna (4-2-6) 1.36 Petite Pippa (2-4-3) 1.52 Rockhouse Woody (2-5-1) 2.09 Headford Tara (4-5-6)**

■**HOVE: 2.23 Burrows Sonic (5-6-2) 2.41 Wedontdopanic (nap) (3-2-6) 3.01 Bowles Bullet (4-3-1) 3.19 Fabulous Opera (3-6-4) 3.38 Seomra Gobi (1-2-3) 3.57 Irrelevent (2-6-4) 4.16 Signet Ell (5-4-2) 4.34 Vegan Warrior (5-1-6) 4.53 Sly Bluebird (nb) (1-6-3) 5.12 Hypershock (3-1-4) 5.31 Droopys Invasion (5-4-2) 5.49 Mustang Maverick (6-1-2)**

■**NEWCASTLE: 2.29 Tinnock Sheba (nap) (1-6-3) 2.48 Eileens Larue (nb) (4-5-1) 3.07 Jackos Cody (1-3-4) 3.26 Vinny Chase (4-6-1) 3.44 Now Were Flyin (6-2-5) 4.03 Midtown Ebony (1-2-5) 4.22 Alnwick Ava (4-2-6) 4.41 Elena The Best (3-4-5) 4.59 Alnwick Aurora (3-1-6) 5.18 Crooks Willow (4-3-5) 5.37 So Its Lillie (2-1-3) 5.56 My Twilight Zone (1-6-2)**

RETURNS

■**SHEFFIELD: 11.01 Whisky Empress 8-1 (1-5-6 BAGS F £52.04). 11.18 Catunda Sniper 5-2 (6-5-1 £9.24). 11.34 Olwinn Win 11-10f (3-2-4 £6.87). 11.52 Vegas Maggie 13-8 (3-6-4 £39.34). 12.09 Russanda Penny 9-1 (6-2-1 £63.03). 12.26 Do The Catch 1-5f (2-6-1 £2.54). 12.42 Shelone Sky 13-8 (2-6-4 £33.39). 12.59 Drumdoit Galaxy 5-4f (4-5-6 £11.20). 1.17 Sigh of Relief 11-4 (1-4-6 £10.20). 1.33 Drumdoit Rosie 6-4f (1-2-4 £13.09). 1.51 Antepost Bet 2-1f (1-2-5 £7.58). 2.07 Thats Mikeys 11-10f (1-3-4 £3.86).**

■**NEWCASTLE: 11.09 Fabulous Shona 5-6f (4-6-1 BAGS F £6.10). 11.27 Alnwick Nuke 4-1 (4-5-2 £11.13). 11.43 Woo Hoos Hugo 5-1 (1-4-5 £33.22 TC £55.06). 12.01 Quivers Haka 10-1 (1-3-4 £59.62 TC £213.01). 12.18 Trinity Coco 10-3 (5-6-4 £16.84 TC £46.79). 12.34 Wraysbury Orchid 13-8f (1-4-6 £16.77 TC £38.27). 12.51 Links Frankel 8-1 (3-2-6 £32.11). 1.08 Blackhouse Cat Evensf (3-5-1 £5.63). 1.26 Wraysbury Silver 4-7f (4-5-6 £4.14). 1.42 Deelish Diva 9-4 (6-4-3 £21.26). 1.59 Jacktavern Zoe Evensf (4-1-6 £5.70). 2.14 Alnwick Tina 7-1 (5-2-3 £27.17).**

■**ROMFORD: 2.23 Drovers Romany 7-1 (3-2-6 BAGS F £33.38). 2.41 Swift Lorenzo 5-4f (5-6-3 £11.54). 3.01 Woodcliff Tahiti 7-2 (3-6-4 £29.63). 3.19 Bubbly Fury 11-8f (1-5-4 £5.78). 3.38 Droopys Nanette 11-4 (3-1-6 £12.44 TC £25.89). 3.57 Ballybeg Robin 11-8f (5-2-6 £8.89). 4.16 Essex Crazy 7-4 (3-4-1 £22.57). 4.34 Aminutetooten 9-4 (1-3-2 £10.94 TC £19.51). 4.53 Ricos Diamond 9-2 (2-1-3 £22.20). 5.12 Crafty San Siro 8-1 (5-4-3 £58.53 TC £181.50). 5.31 Hollywood Topcat 7-4f (6-3- £6.12).**

■**MONMORE: 2.31 Bangon Mrs Clock 9-2 (3-5-2 BAGS F £27.43 TC £71.30). 2.49 Tromora Lizzie 7-2 (4-2-3 £31.22). 3.09 Tullymurry Skies 5-2f (6-2-1 £16.40 TC £52.21). 3.27 Dhustone Spud 9-2 (2-4-6 £22.86). 3.47 Whisky On Fire 2-1f (2-1-4 £8.23). 4.04 Longacres Bocko 7-2 (4-2-1 £16.57). 4.24 Denton Girl 15-8f (1-3-6 £9.64 TC £23.96). 4.42 Whisky Hunter 11-4 (6-3-5 £16.82 TC £61.87). 5.01 Whyaye Dubai 7-1 (5-1-3 £23.02). 5.19 Tullymurry Ned 2-1 (6-3-1 £12.43 TC £23.46).**

TEMPLEGATE
RACING'S NO1 TIPSTER STEVE MULLEN

BOLD SHOUT can make a big noise at Newbury this evening (7.00, nap).

He can score again for in-form trainer Clive Cox – find out why on Page One.

LIVEMORE can prosper (7.30 Newbury, nap).

His trainer Terry Kent may not be one of the biggest names but he gets the job done. His three-year-old had a quiet debut at Nottingham before leaving that firmly behind on the July course at Newmarket last time out. He tanked along there and pulled right away from his rivals with plenty left in reserve. This longer trip should be ideal on handicap debut.

SOCIETY KISS (8.21 Kempton, treble) ran at Royal Ascot last season but this is more her level. She has run well on both starts this term and was just over a length away at Windsor last time out.

Bold stands out for Cox

★ TEMPLEGATE NAP	★ TEMPLEGATE NB	★ TEMPLEGATE TREBLE
BOLD SHOUT	**LIVEMORE**	**SOCIETY KISS**
7.00 Newbury	7.30 Newbury	8.21 Kempton
Won with plenty in hand last time and is capable of a big step forward.	Impressive winner at Newmarket last time and has a lot more to come.	Has shaped well on both runs this season and doesn't need much more.

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6.20 UNIBET/BRITISH STALLION STUDS EBF NOVICE STAKES (Class 3); 2-y-o; winner £7,020; 1m. (8 run)

1 (7) 22 **AL WATHBA 17 (BF)** C Appleby 9-7 ..... **William Buick ●99**
2 (2) **BURNINGRINGOFFIRE (H★)** R Hughes 9-7 ..... **Finley Marsh —**
3 (3) **CITES** R Beckett 9-7 ..... **Rossa Ryan —**
4 (5) **GILDER ROY** J Owen 9-7 ..... **Cieren Fallon —**
5 (6) 46 **PEAK TRAM 34** Sir M Prescott 9-7 ..... **Dylan Hogan 82**
6 (8) **PURE CONCEPT** R Hannon 9-7 ..... **Shane Foley —**
7 (4) 2 **SOMMOOD 19** S & E Crisford 9-7 ..... **Harry Davies 95**
8 (1) **WYKEHURST PARK** A Balding 9-7 ..... **Callum Hutchinson —**

BETTING: 5-4 Al Wathba, 7-2 Sommood, 6 Pure Concept, Cites, 15-2 Wykehurst Park, 14 Burningringoffire, Gilder Roy, 25 Peak Tram
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 3 1 3 1 1
2025: Gavriel 9-7 Robert Havlin 7-4 Fav (J & T Gosden) drawn 7, 11 ran.

6.51 UNIBET SUPPORTING SAFER GAMBLING NOVICE STAKES (4); winner £5,400; 7f. (8 runners)

1 (2) 80 **BIG SNOOPY 103 (H★)** E Walker 3-9-7 ..... **George Downing 78**
2 (3) 03 **COILLTEDUDEISBACK 35** A Kirby 3-9-7 ..... **non-runner 84**
3 (6) **72-3 KAINDY 21** R Varian 3-9-7 ..... **Ray Dawson ●99**
4 (4) **7 MR G FORCE 10** D Ivory 3-9-7 ..... **Thomas Greatrex 72**
5 (8) **6 PALLISER 7** A Watson 3-9-7 ..... **Pierre Jamin 82**
6 (5) **49- PEDROS DREAM 243** A Carroll 3-9-7 ..... **Matthew Lloyd Slater (7) 74**
7 (7) **2- SEA BRAVE 251** R Hughes 3-9-7 ..... **Finley Marsh 95**
8 (1) **TALKING BEAR** R Phillips 3-9-7 ..... **Callum Hutchinson —**

BETTING: 13-20 Kaindy, 15-8 Sea Brave, 20 Big Snoopy, 25 Palliser, Talking Bear, 33 Pedros Dream, Mr G Force
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 3 2 1 1 2
2025: One More 3-9-4 Sean Levey 11-4 (R Hannon) drawn 9, 9 ran.

7.21 TRY UNIBET'S NEW SMARTVIEW RACECARDS FILLIES' HANDICAP (4); winner £6,281; 7f. (10 runners)

1 (8) -456805 **PARIS BABE 26 (D)** A Watson 4-10-0 ..... **Pierre Jamin 90**
2 (6) 21-5863 **MUSICAL ANGEL 41 (D)** S Dow 4-9-8 ..... **Harry Davies 92**
3 (3) 5587765 **BRIDGET'S VIEW 14 (H,P★;CD)** S Williams 4-9-8 ..... **Rossa Ryan 91**
4 (10) 232-0 **STAR MIRAGE 29** H Al Jehani 3-9-5 ..... **Cieren Fallon 89**
5 (7) 215 **SHUSHU 63 (D)** R Varian 3-9-2 ..... **Ray Dawson 94**
6 (4) **3-4521 MERRY 7 (CD)** J Horton 3-9-2(6ex) ..... **Daniel Muscutt 98**
7 (1) **177-293 RIBENSKA 69 (P★;D)** C Fellowes 4-9-1 ..... **Callum Shepherd 96**
8 (5) 1-334 **AFRAJ 21 (D)** J & T Gosden 3-9-0 ..... **William Buick ●99**
9 (2) **17-8733 GHISA 26 (H;D)** C Fellowes 3-8-13 ..... **Paddy Bradley 93**
10 (9) **165-250 SAHANA 22 (D)** D Simcock 4-8-11 ..... **Dylan Hogan 88**

BETTING: 10-3 Merry, 9-2 Afraj, 11-2 Ribenska, 13-2 Shushu, 8 Bridget's View, 10 Ghisa, 12 Musical Angel, Star Mirage
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1
2025: Radiant Beauty 4-9-13 K Shoemark 11-4 Fav (James Owen) drw 7, 8 ran.

7.51 UNIBET'S NEW IMPROVED ACCA BOOSTS FILLIES' HANDICAP (4); winner £6,281; 1m 4f. (8 runners)

1 (7) 326-832 **GLORYOUS 13** J Osborne 4-10-2 ..... **William Carson 95**
2 (2) 321-33 **APHRODITE SPIRIT 40** R Teal 4-9-12 ..... **Joe Leavy 92**
3 (6) 2-552 **LADYKIRK 14** J Chapple-Hyam 3-9-9 ..... **William Buick 97**
4 (4) 155 **BINT KILFRUSH 109** J Tate 3-9-7 ..... **Ray Dawson 90**
5 (1) -593177 **BIG BEAR HUG 15 (C,D)** J Boyle 7-9-7 ..... **Paddy Bradley 89**
6 (8) 5121 **BINTKNIGHT 25** H Charlton 3-9-6 ..... **Lewis Edmunds ●99**
7 (3) -371134 **AFFECTION 27 (D)** D Pipe 3-9-4 ..... **Harry Vigors (5) 85**
8 (5) 242 **SEACOLE 29 (H)** R Beckett 3-9-4 ..... **Rossa Ryan 98**

BETTING: 9-4 Bintknight, 10-3 Ladykirk, 5 Seacole, 7 Gloryous, 8 Aphrodite Spirit, 10 Bint Kilfrush, 16 Big Bear Hug, Affection
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED and 2025: No corresponding race.

8.21 UNIBET 3 UNIBOOSTS A DAY HANDICAP (4) 3-Y-O; winner £6,281; 6f (12 runners)

1 18-051 **AIGEAS 55 (CD)**
(7) O Cole 9-9 ..... **Harry Davies 96**
Runs: 5 Wins: 2 (2A) Places: 2 £18,784
Made good on early promise C&D last time, up 10lb, possible mileage in that

2 3129 **WEZZEER 74 (D)**
(2) R Varian 9-9 ..... **Ray Dawson 95**
Runs: 4 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 2 £9,203
AW novice winner, below par hcap bow last time, drop back to 6f a plus

3 221254 **CAVIAR COWBOY 34 (H★)**
(10) J Fanshawe 9-7 ..... **Daniel Muscutt 96**
Runs: 7 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 3 £15,050
Never going turf bow latest, return to AW a positive and 2lb lower, place

4 10-32 **SOCIETY KISS 79**
(8) J Mackie 9-7 ..... **P J McDonald 95**
Runs: 4 Wins: 1 (F) Places: 2 £25,369
Going right way for this yard, hcapper giving her chance, in the mix

5 -11041 **ARRY UP 34 (CD)**
(3) B Millman 9-6 ..... **Lewis Edmunds ●99**
Runs: 9 Wins: 4 (F,2A,GS) Places: 1 £20,180
Three wins this term, best yet Sandown latest, 6lb hike but respected

6 -26748 **AUGUSTUS GLOOP 19 (D)**
(6) J Fanshawe 9-4 ..... **George Wood 90**
Runs: 8 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 2 £19,391
Hasn't kicked on this season, return to 6f/nudge down weights give hope

GOING: STANDARD TO SLOW

TEMPLEGATE	TOM PEPPER
6.20 Al Wathba	6.20 Gilder Roy
6.51 Sea Brave	6.51 Palliser
7.21 Paris Babe	7.21 Ribenska
7.51 Affection	7.51 Ladykirk
8.21 Society Kiss (nb)	8.21 Wezzeer
8.51 Semper Femina	8.51 Hot Silk

■TIC-TAC: Right-handed Polytrack all-weather course. 1m round with tight turns and a 3f run-in. ■DRAW: No advantage. ■LEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS (2021-2026): A Balding 98-626, C Appleby 84-229, J & T Gosden 68-337, R Varian 64-280. THIS SEASON: A Balding 14, James Owen 8, B Millman 8. ■TOP JOCKEYS WITH RIDES (2021-2026): D Muscutt 96-657, Rossa Ryan 88-581, W Buick 79-273, L Edmunds 35-227. THIS SEASON: Rossa Ryan 12, D Muscutt 10, L Edmunds 10. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: Arry Up (8.21) trained at Cullompton. Round trip of 314 miles. ■TRAINERFAX: R Varian won the 6.51 in 2022 and 2023. ■FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP: Big Snoopy (6.51). ■LIVE ON RACING TV

7 372152 **MANLY FIREBALL 27 (D)**
(12) R Hughes 9-3 ..... **non-runner 97**
Runs: 9 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 4 £11,956
Went down swinging Wolves latest, hcapper giving him chance, ruled out

8 -12210 **BINTARYANA 29 (D)**
(1) W Knight 9-3 ..... **Cieren Fallon 92**
Runs: 6 Wins: 2 (2G) Places: 2 £28,921
Unexposed, good York win then went missing at Goodwood, don't write off

9 731717 **KING OF CHAOS 26 (D)**
(4) D Cunha 9-2 ..... **Pat Dobbs 93**
Runs: 17 Wins: 3 (3A) Places: 2 £16,711
Good win at Wolves but needs to put poor effort back there latest behind him

10 208405 **KOLKATA KNIGHT 12 (D)**
(9) T Dascombe 9-2 ..... **Pierre Jamin 89**
Runs: 11 Wins: 2 (F,GS) Places: 1 £18,711
On handy mark and no disgrace Epsom latest, another win isn't far away

11 75-000 **SLAY QUEEN 44 (D)**
(5) R Hannon 9-1 ..... **Joe Leavy 85**
Runs: 10 Wins: 2 (S,G) Places: 3 £19,711
Quickfire double this time last year but totally out of sorts of late, avoid

12 811-31 **FROM THE HIP 79 (CD)**
(11) M Usher 9-0 ..... **Tyler Heard 95**
Runs: 8 Wins: 3 (2A,GS) Places: 3 £15,538
Toughed it out at Windsor latest, 3lb rise fair, go well but this requires more

BETTING: 11-4 Aigeas, 4 Arry Up, 6 From The Hip, 7 Wezzeer, 8 Caviar Cowboy, 10 Society Kiss, 12 King Of Chaos, 14 Bintaryana
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 3
2025: Haazeez 9-2, K Shoemark 9-1 (C Fellowes), drw 11, 11 ran.

Sunracing FORM

AIGEAS (9-9) 16-1 made most, set strong pace, went clear final furlong, readily, bt The Lost Sock (9-9) 4½l (11 ran) (Kempton 6f hcap (5) £4,187 AW).
WEZZEER (9-3) 6-1 towards rear, ridden and slight headway over 2f out, never competitive, 9th of 10 (btn 6½l) to Sticktoyourguns (9-4) (Sandown 7f hcap (3) £7,731 good).
CAVIAR COWBOY (9-8) 11-4 in last pair, effort 1f out, stayed on without threatening, last of 4 (btn 2l) to Three Non Blondes (9-4) (Yarmouth 7f hcap (4) £5,653 good to firm).
SOCIETY KISS (8-6) 4-1 held up in rear, ridden 2f out, kept on inside final furlong, went second post, btn 1½l by Regal Envoy (9-4) (6 ran) (Windsor 5f hcap (2) £15,702 good to soft).
ARRY UP (9-7) 9-4 fav prominent, led after 1f, edged right and kept on over 1f out, pushed out, bt Nogo's Dream (9-10) 2l (7 ran) (Sandown 5f hcap (4) £6,019 good to firm).
AUGUSTUS GLOOP (9-7) 22-1 midfield, in touch 1f out, no extra, 8th of 11 (btn 8¾l) to Jonny Concrete (9-9) (Musselburgh 7f hcap (4) £7,851 good).
MANLY FIREBALL (9-1) 7-2 handy, went second 2f out, stayed on, always held closing stages, btn 1½l by Mission Command (8-13) (11 ran) (W'hampton 6f claim (6) £3,564 AW).
BINTARYANA (8-5) 10-1 bumped start, towards rear, pushed along over 2f out, never showed, 14th of 20 (btn 6¾l) to Sing The Blues (8-11) (Goodwood 6f hcap (3) £25,770 good).
KING OF CHAOS (9-5) 8-1 led, set strong pace, headed 1f out, weakened quickly final 110yds, 7th of 10 (btn 6¾l) to American Style (9-12) (W'hampton 6f hcap (4) £5,234 AW).
KOLKATA KNIGHT (9-10) 22-1 in touch with leaders, outpaced 2f out, kept on one pace final 110yds, 5th of 8 (btn 3½l) to Modern Times (9-7) (Epsom 6f hcap (4) £6,019 good to firm).
SLAY QUEEN (9-10) 28-1 chased leaders, outpaced 2f out, weakened over 1f out, 11th of 12 (btn 17l) to Under The Twilight (9-7) (Windsor 6f hcap (4) £5,653 good to firm).
FROM THE HIP (9-6) 5-1 handy, good headway 1f out, led final furlong, ran on, bt Acclaimed Freedom (9-5) nk (10 ran) (Windsor 6f hcap (5) £4,397 good to soft).

8.51 UNIBET MORE EXTRA PLACE RACES HANDICAP (5); 3-y-o; winner £4,187; 1m 4f. (12 runners)

1 (6) 93631 **TRAVELING MAN 6 (D)** C Fellowes 9-9 ..... **Paddy Bradley ●99**
2 (8) 4-54185 **RELENTLESS HERO 18 (H★)** A Balding 9-8 ..... **Jason Watson 86**
3 (3) 88363 **COSMO BROWN 20** W Muir & C Grassick 9-8 ..... **Callum Shepherd 89**
4 (11) -429571 **MADJID 39** H Charlton 9-7 ..... **Lewis Edmunds 96**
5 (9) 6-44432 **HOT SILK 16 (P★)** J Fanshawe 9-6 ..... **Harry Vigors (5) 97**
6 (12) 297273 **SEMPER FEMINA 35** R Hannon 9-5 ..... **Pat Dobbs 91**
7 (10) 679618 **AMRUM 63** O Sangster 9-3 ..... **William Buick 87**
8 (4) 588 **FAR FAR OUT 58** A Carroll 9-1 ..... **William Carson 82**
9 (7) 4-6442 **EVENING FADES 27 (T★)** W Haggas 9-1 ..... **Cieren Fallon 93**
10 (1) 093-33 **LORD MAYOR 197** A Balding 9-1 ..... **P J McDonald 92**
11 (2) 4061-49 **TINSEL 30** H Morrison 9-1 ..... **Callum Hutchinson 90**
12 (5) 7151665 **COSPICUA 18 (CD)** J Tate 8-7 ..... **Ray Dawson 88**

BETTING: 7-2 Traveling Man, 9-2 Madjid, 5 Hot Silk, 8 Evening Fades, 10 Lord Mayor
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 3 6
2025: Appleblossomwhite 9-7 L Edmunds 10-1 (Lemos Souza) drw 6, 11 ran.

BELLEWSTOWN GOOD (GOOD TO YIELDING)

EAMONN HAMES

3.51	Rocky's Howya
4.25	THESILVERBRIDLE (nap)
5.00	Glenriver
5.35	Red Glory
6.05	Fastnet Crystal
6.38	Masego
7.08	Syosset
7.38	Myluckymaker (nb)

TOM PEPPER

3.51	Howdoyalikeherhome
4.25	Chantilly Wings
5.00	Steps In The Sand
5.35	Liam Swagger
6.05	Daboya
6.38	Convincing
7.08	Tropical Twist
7.38	Blue Trix

■TIC-TAC: Left handed, sharp, undulating track of 1m 1f with uphill finish. There are 5 hurdles per circuit. ■LEADING TRAINERS (2021-2026): G Cromwell 18-80, G Elliott 14-79, J McConnell 8-78, H De Bromhead 4-18. THIS SEASON: G Elliott 2. ■TOP JOCKEYS WITH RIDES (2021-2026): K M Donoghue 9-42, J W Kennedy 8-42, S W Flanagan 4-29, A Harvey 4-22. THIS SEASON: D King 2. ■JACKPOT: Races 3-6. PLACEPOT: Races 1-6. ■TRAINERFAX: G Elliott won the 5.35 in 2018 and 2022. J McConnell won the 7.38 in 2022 and 2025. G Cromwell won the 5.00 in 2021, 2022 and 2023. ■LIVE ON RACING TV

3.51 CLAIMING HURDLE; winner €6,000; 2m 4f 110yds. (14 runners)

1 P752 **JACKSON LAMB 18 (CD)** J McConnell 7-12-0 **S Fitzsimons (7)**
2 10-4 **TASSAROLO F11 (D)** D Hogan 5-11-8 ..... **D King**
3 /133 **RICH BELIEF 20 (BF,D)** K Thornton 9-11-4 ..... **B Harvey**
4 7-40 **ALLO AL KHAWANEEJ 30** C Byrnes 6-11-0 ..... **P Byrnes**
5 U267 **BRYSON 20 (H)** W Crawford 6-11-0 ..... **J Smith (5)**
6 1010 **ROCKY'S HOWYA 24 (V;D)** D Queally 10-10-12 **E Staples (5)**
7 90-9 **EASTERN WIND F21 (P★)** T McCourt 7-10-10 **D O'Keeffe**
8 38-0 **MOVIE KING 33 (D)** V Ward 9-10-10 ..... **Mr B Coonan (7)**
9 7006 **MEPHISTO 13 (V;D)** G Keane 9-10-8 ..... **E Finegan (5)**
10 8F04 **HOWDOYALIKEHERHOME 20 (B)** G Elliott 7-10-6 **J Halford (7)**
11 -6P0 **LONG GONE 16 (B★;CD)** N Kelly 8-10-6... **C Stone-Walsh**
12 -090 **MALBAS 33 (B★)** E Buckley 10-10-6 ..... **T Buckley**
13 2501 **OH SO CHARMING 20 (D)** D Queally 6-10-6 **K Healy (7)**
14 90BP **BEACON BYPASS 7** P Mulligan 4-10-2 ..... **S Torrens**

Rocky's Howya ●99, Oh So Charming 98, Rich Belief 94.
4 Rocky's Howya, 5 Oh So Charming, 6 Rich Belief, 15-2 Tassarolo, Jackson Lamb, 8 Howdoyalikeherhome

4.25 MAIDEN HURDLE; winner €7,200; 2m 4f 110yds. (15 runners)

1 22U2 **WHATS NEW 30** A Slattery 4-11-8 ..... **D O'Keeffe**
2 P **ALFINTHESEA 36** E Buckley 6-11-4 ..... **T Buckley**
3 5-23 **CHANTILLY WINGS 22** C Collins 5-11-4 ..... **J Halford (7)**
4 **F4-2 KALICO LEADER 114 (H★)** E Buckley 7-11-4 **K Buckley**
5 47/5 **LYGON LAD 17** G Elliott 6-11-4 ..... **J Kennedy**
6 P-0P **RODEO JOE 12 (V)** D Walsh 6-11-4 ..... **H Sexton (7)**
7 70P- **SHABRA DIYA 153** A McCann 5-11-4 ..... **J Smith (5)**
8 **534- STATON 151** P Traynor 5-11-4 ..... **P Byrnes**
9 5-00 **SUM STORY 19** P Rothwell 5-11-4 ..... **T Power Roche**
10 F-5 **MYSTERY DECISION 18** H Finegan 7-10-11 **E Finegan (5)**
11 P-77 **PHYLLIS RODDA 18 (T★)** B Connell 6-10-11 **S Flanagan**
12 49P/ **TARA BOE 670 (H)** A McCann 8-10-11... **J Williamson (3)**
13 **THE DESERT EAGLE** C McBratney 5-10-11... **J Gainford**
14 1-22 **THESILVERBRIDLE 17 (BF)** J McConnell 5-10-11 **A Harvey**
15 7 **WILLOWS WORD 18** P Rooney 4-10-7 ..... **A Balfe (7)**

Whats New ●99, Thesilverbridle 96, Chantilly Wings 91.
6-4 Thesilverbridle, 9-4 Whats New, 11-4 Chantilly Wings, 10 Lygon Lad, 16 Kalico Leader, 20 Mystery Decision

5.00 HANDICAP HURDLE; winner €6,000; 2m 4f 110yds. (16 runners)

1 4P20 **CORNAROYA ROCCO 16** J Hanlon 5-11-12.. **D O'Keeffe**
2 0-55 **GOIN' F26 (H★,T★;BF)** A Martin 6-11-10 ..... **D King**
3 6-50 **GFORCEJENNY 78** G Cromwell 4-11-8..... **K Donoghue**
4 -634 **HATFIELD HAMMER 34 (B★)** P Nolan 7-11-8 **E Staples (7)**
5 9604 **KATHERINE 10 (H)** A Sexton 9-11-8..... **H Sexton (7)**
6 -434 **STEPS IN THE SAND 20 (D)** C Murphy 7-11-7.... **E Walsh**
7 /0-P **MEMORIES MAKER 23 (P★)** A McCann 5-11-6 **S Flanagan**
8 5850 **MIDNIGHT MUSICAL 23** A McCann 5-11-6... **J Smith (5)**
9 6276 **WHISKEY SERENADE 20** T Coyle 6-11-4 ..... **A Harvey**
10 0P37 **DUNANY POINT 12 (CD)** C Maxwell 7-11-1..... **K Buckley**
11 -008 **PILLARTOU 33** P Gilligan 4-11-0..... **J Gilligan (5)**
12 00-P **AVEC ESPOIR 18** V O'Brien 13-10-10..... **P Enright**
13 3F/P **MR MACPHISTO 54** E Griffin 10-10-10..... **R Doyle**
14 00-0 **ARDGILLAN 18 (H★,T★)** M Lynch 6-10-9.. **J Halford (7)**
15 50-7 **GRACE'S LEGACY 106** C Collins 4-10-8..... **D Gilligan**
16 P-05 **GLENRIVER 20** S Crawley 8-10-4..... **C Stone-Walsh**
17 P-90 **MIDLETON RARE 34 (C,D)** N Kelly 8-12-1..... **RESERVE**
18 5PP/ **BALINABOOLA STEEL 738 (D)** A Leahy 14-10-13 **RESERVE**
19 000- **MAGIC HANDS NOEL 223** G Keane 5-10-7.... **RESERVE**

Steps In The Sand ●99, Dunany Point 98, Hatfield Hammer 97.
3 Steps In The Sand, 5 Hatfield Hammer, 6 Goin', 7 Glenriver, 8 Gforcejenny, Dunany Point, 14 Katherine

5.35 HANDICAP HURDLE; winner €12,000; 2m 4f 110yds. (13 run)

1 -534 **RED GLORY 25** H Bromhead 8-11-12 ..... **D O'Keeffe**
2 3193 **CHANCEAWETMORNING 17 (BF,D)** G Elliott 6-11-11 **J Smith (5)**
3 -726 **DREAL DEAL 40 (D)** P Rothwell 11-11-10..... **C Clarke (7)**
4 123/ **LIAM SWAGGER F28** W Durkan 5-11-9..... **P Byrnes**
5 517- **FINAL ORDERS 137 (CD)** G Cromwell 10-11-8 **K Donoghue**
6 0-10 **AVALO 25 (D)** P Fahey 7-11-5..... **M Walsh**
7 -322 **THEFLYINGBEE 17 (CD)** F Hand 9-11-3 ..... **Mr J R Martin (7)**
8 -216 **ARCTIC FLAME 23 (D)** P Foley 6-11-1..... **S Torrens**
9 15-0 **BARRYS SPIRIT 24** A Murray 5-11-1..... **S Flanagan**
10 342/ **HEROES RISE 514 (BF,D)** G Elliott 6-11-1..... **J Kennedy**
11 09-6 **SERIENMOND 25** G McGill 6-11-0..... **Mr D McGill (7)**
12 F058 **ELUSIVE OGIE 24** E McCarthy 5-10-12..... **D King**
13 P-74 **CAMLIN PARK 17** J McConnell 6-10-10..... **A Harvey**

Theflyingbee ●99, Red Glory 98, Final Orders 97.
4 Red Glory, 5 Theflyingbee, 7 Heroes Rise, Final Orders

6.05 MARES HURDLE; winner €7,200; 2m 1f. (7 runners)

1 F310 **ARDEEN JOY 28 (H;C)** G Elliott 5-11-3 ..... **J Kennedy**
2 041- **DABOYA F11** R Donohoe 5-11-3..... **D Mullins**
3 -041 **EASTER BONNET 23 (D)** W P Mullins 5-11-3..... **B Hayes**
4 0-12 **FASTNET CRYSTAL 29** J O'Brien 5-11-3 ..... **J Slevin**
5 -U54 **RADAR AHEAD 45 (BF,D)** T McCourt 5-11-3 **D O'Keeffe**
6 -R01 **SPEISIALTA 20 (H)** A Black 6-11-3..... **E Staples (5)**
7 13- **CELTIC ALLIANCE 125** G Elliott 4-11-0..... **D Gilligan**

Easter Bonnet ●99, Fastnet Crystal 98, Celtic Alliance 95.
2 Fastnet Crystal, 10-3 Easter Bonnet, 6 Celtic Alliance

6.38 HANDICAP HURDLE; winner €6,000; 2m 1f. (15 runners)

1 -260 **CODGER'S ROCK 23** C Collins 5-11-12..... **D Gilligan**
2 1-06 **GARRICK PAINTER 61 (T★;BF)** N Kelly 6-11-12 **S Torrens**
3 -635 **DIRECT APPROACH 22** G Elliott 4-11-11 ..... **J Kennedy**
4 7-0P **TUCKMILL 35 (P★;D)** P Fahey 10-11-10 **Mr R McParland (7)**
5 07-1 **CONVINCING 18** C Murphy 5-11-7 ..... **E Finegan (5)**
6 754- **MASEGO F37** J McConnell 4-11-7 ..... **A Harvey**
7 0268 **LET IT SETTLE 23** T Hughes 5-11-2 ..... **P Enright**
8 66PP **DICTIONARY CORNER 23 (P★)** E McCarthy 5-11-0 **J Slevin**
9 00-0 **ZARUSHIO 105 (P★)** T Dreaper 6-10-11.. **C Stone-Walsh**
10 2741 **CHESTERBAYLAD 23 (D)** H Markham 5-10-8 **J Williamson (3)**
11 -604 **LUNAR LANDSCAPE 16** T Coyle 6-10-8..... **D O'Keeffe**
12 P180 **BACKINABIT 20 (B;D)** D Hogan 7-10-5..... **D King**
13 -69F **CRYPTO CRASH F11 (T★)** D Budds 5-10-4..... **D Mullins**
14 0534 **AVANDRA 19** P Rothwell 6-10-4..... **S O'Callaghan (3)**
15 0260 **SURVIVING MURMANSK 10 (D)** J Barcoe 8-10-0 **H Sexton (7)**
16 -875 **TURLOUGH ABU 20** V O'Brien 4-10-5..... **RESERVE**
17 -706 **PAYMELATER 17 (P★)** S Millar 7-11-1 ..... **RESERVE**
18 P-60 **OWL'S DELIGHT 10** R Donohoe 7-10-9 ..... **RESERVE**

Convincing ●99, Chesterbaylad 97, Direct Approach 96.
5-2 Chesterbaylad, 5 Convincing, 10 Lunar Landscape, Direct Approach, 11 Crypto Crash, Avandra, Let It Settle, 14 Masego

7.08 HANDICAP HURDLE; winner €6,000; 2m 1f. (15 runners)

1 U900 **MC SWAGGER 41 (H★)** E McCarthy 5-12-0.... **P Enright**
2 5418 **TROPICAL TWIST 17 (BF,D)** G Elliott 5-12-0 **J Kennedy**
3 0-90 **PREMIER ROGUE 87 (BF)** N Meade 5-11-13..... **D Meyler**
4 8-06 **KOME DANS UN REVE 13** P Fenton 6-11-6 **N Moore (5)**
5 -40P **LAURIE BLUE 47** E Delany 8-11-6 ..... **J Gainford**
6 3223 **SYOSSET 18 (H,P★;BF)** J McConnell 5-11-6 **E Staples (5)**
7 760- **COLIN'S FRIEND 204** H Bromhead 5-11-5.... **D O'Keeffe**
8 000- **KASHEL SPRING F8 (P★)** D Hogan 4-11-3 ..... **D King**
9 54-0 **GRENNANSTOWN LADY F57** G Keane 5-10-8 **E Finegan (5)**
10 0R80 **FRONTIER ROSE 20** T Coyle 5-10-11..... **A Harvey**
11 6468 **CENTAQ 43** D McLoughlin 6-10-8..... **A Balfe (7)**
12 5694 **CINNABAR MOTH 12** L Doyle 5-10-8 ..... **S Flanagan**
13 /7F9 **VAIRUE 10** H Markham 10-10-8..... **J Williamson (3)**
14 000- **LUCKY THIS TIME 374 (P★,T★)** P Rothwell 5-10-3 **S O'Callaghan (3)**
15 P787 **DOYEN OG 10** A Sexton 7-10-0 ..... **C Lamon (7)**
16 76/0 **XQUISE 22** C Collins 6-11-7 ..... **RESERVE**
17 970P **SONNA LADY 17** J Hanlon 4-10-2..... **RESERVE**

Tropical Twist ●99, Syosset 98, Cinnabar Moth 97.
11-4 Syosset, 13-2 Tropical Twist, 15-2 Centaq, 12 Cinnabar Moth, Frontier Rose, Premier Rogue, Doyen Og

7.38 LADIES NAT HUNT FLAT; winner €6,601; 2m 1f. (14 runners)

1 0 **DANCE PARTNER 34** R Rath 5-12-0 **Miss L Costello (7)**
2 0-80 **HOOF AND HUSTLE 23** N Doyle 5-12-0 **Miss E Herbison (7)**
3 67- **IFUKNOWUKNOW 243** S Carey 5-12-0 **Miss A O'Connor**
4 6 **PIPER STREET 34** P Townend 5-12-0 ..... **Miss P Elvin (7)**
5 PP- **THE OLD BRIGADE 262 (H★)** S Doyle 5-12-0 **Ms E Costello (7)**
6 **THRANDULL** P Nolan 5-12-0 ..... **A McGuinness (7)**
7 **ELLENRODE** E Larkin 4-11-11..... **Miss C Butler (7)**
8 5-68 **BAYSWATER BLOOM 25** E McCutcheon 5-11-7 **Miss T Quail (7)**
9 **BLUE TRIX** W P Mullins 5-11-7..... **Miss J Townend**
10 30 **ELEEN ALANA 25** E Griffin 5-11-7 ..... **Ms N Bradley (7)**
11 **MIRRORBELLE** E Delany 5-11-7..... **C Monaghan (7)**
12 62-2 **MYLUCKYMAKER 10** J McConnell 5-11-7 **Ms L Byrne (7)**
13 **MELODY D'ARC** J McConnell 4-11-4 ..... **A Clarke (7)**
14 4 **NOT A WHISPER 47** P Fahey 4-11-4. **Miss G Benson (7)**

Myluckymaker ●99, Not A Whisper 95, Bayswater Bloom 94.
13-8 Blue Trix, 3 Myluckymaker, 7 Not A Whisper

LONG SHOT OF THE DAY
STAR BAYSIDE BOY (4.10 Newbury) won in a scrap at Windsor last time and has more to come now starting in handicaps.